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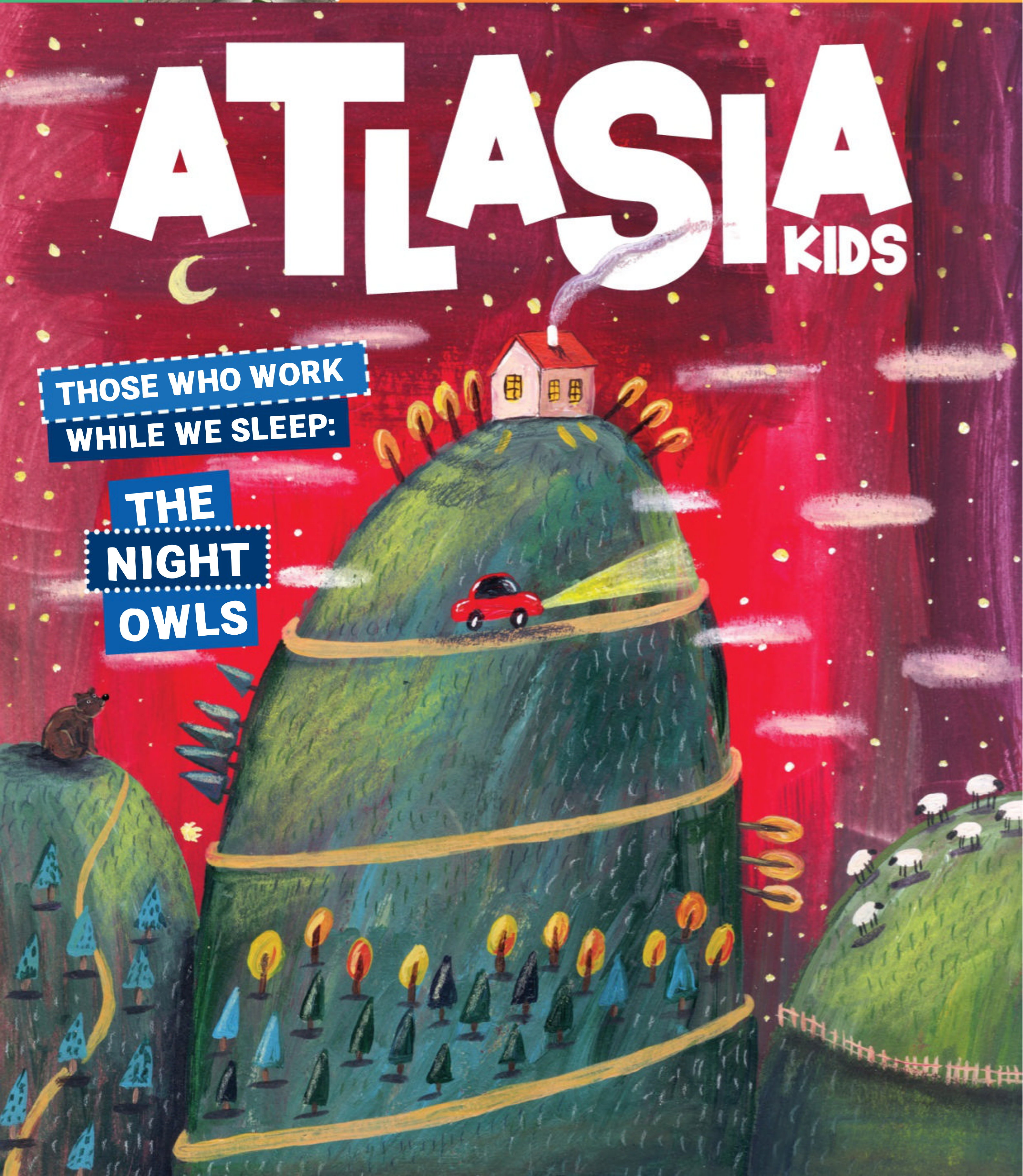

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1. Set the Tone and Purpose (1 min)
- Begin with Bismillah.
- Remind students that knowledge is from Allah and for the purpose of knowing Allah better.

2. Preview the Issue (10 mins)
- *Cover:* Ask your students what they think the issue is about - let their curiosity fly! Ask them what they know about the various topics listed at the top and have them all respond verbally. Make sure to get the quiet ones involved too.

Pre-reading questions:
- "Where is Montenegro?" (*Southeastern Europe*)
- "How do you think trees help us?" (*Open answer*)
- "Do you think the Prophet (PBUH) used to joke a certain way?" (*Yes!*)
- "Why is kindness to animals important?" (*Open answer*)

- *Pg. 1-3:* Read Sumeyra's introduction and the summary of the issue together as a class or individually, pausing to ask questions.

- Go through key vocabulary:
  - Sustainable
  - Green Habits
  - Injustice
  - Muezzin
  - Black History Month

Look for Atlasia Toolbox cues throughout the issue!

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3. Weekly Calendar (2 min)
- Write down the days of the week on the classroom board!
- Write to Atlasian Corner and email to editor@atlasiakids.com.

4. Ninety-Nine (10 mins)

Comprehension questions:
- "What does Al-Adl mean?" (*the Just One*)
- "What are three examples of justice?" (*Stan up, Speak up, Stick up for others*)

5. Name-Place-Animal-Thing (10 mins)

Pre-reading question:
- "What words in the Quran can you th that start with 'Y'?" (E.g.: *Yawm* - day *tribe that will start mischief in the fu*

Comprehension question:
- "How might the stories of these Prophets inspire us to always hope even in difficult situation *Prophets always have trust in A*

6. PBUH (10 mins)

Pre-reading questions:
- "How would you feel if y Muhammad (PBUH)?"
- "How do you think he made a mistake?" (Op

Comprehension questio
- "Have you ever see someone as Abu react?" (*Ideally, w Muhammad did*)
- "Do you think Muslims?" (*All accept Islam*
- "When som get angry? should be to get ang create a s

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Salaam!

Imagine you are very hungry in the morning, and you need to grab something very quick before going to school. Your dad or mom stops by the nearest bakery shop before dropping you off. As you hurriedly gulp down your favorite bagel with cream cheese piece by piece, just think how that fresh bagel was ready so early for you to eat.

Yes, while we are sleeping, somebody works his or her night shift to make all that crusty bread loaves, cinnamon rolls, and croissants available for us in the morning.In this month's Zoom section, we will take a closer look at these amazing individuals - the Night Owls. Let's dive in and appreciate the dedication and hard work of these unsung heroes who keep our world moving, even while we're sleeping soundly in our beds.

In this month's Gameland section, we have a fun new game called **Guess the Secret Profession**. This game is designed to help you learn about different professions and the skills required for each of them. In this issue, we bid farewell to two of our favorite sections - Name-Place-Animal-Thing and PBUH. I want to thank all our readers for participating in these two sections and hope you enjoyed learning more about our Holy book and the life of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). We will surely continue to explore the Quran and our beloved Prophet's life in many different ways in our future issues.

As we wrap up this issue, I want to wish all our readers a Happy Eid al-Fitr. Eid Mubarak, Atlasians!

Sumeyra Ozcan

What's in

PBUH: Asr Saadah

Discover the Age of Happiness during the time of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), where forgiveness prevailed despite difficulties.

The Prophet's Kindness to Animals

In the mountain of Thawr, a pigeon and its friend protect the Prophet with the help of two spider friends.

Ninety-Nine

This Name reminds us to show compassion and kindness to others, following the example of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).

CompleTest

Take this quiz to see which Atlasian favorite you are!

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- Write
- Draw
- Listen
- Take a photo/video
- Do
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Diary of Layla

Join Layla and her friends on a Ramadan journey filled with fasting, friendship, and Eid al-Fitr!

Backpack

This month, Backpack has traveled to a country with one of the largest populations in the world. Can you guess where he went?

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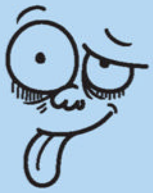			
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I love love 1000000000 times Atlasia, and I just went for umrah!

Ruqaiya, Age 7, Williamstown

"I love horseback riding and my favorite horse is named Chester."

Assia, Age 10, Montreal

"I love coloring and my favorite color is orange"

Maryam, Age 7, Montreal

"Salam, recently my mom and dad bought 6 little fishes and 2 shrimps one of the shrimp is pregnant and we think the shrimp is making a nest for her eggs and we daily watch how amazing is Allah's creatures."

Damir Ismaylov, Age 5

Send us anything that you wish other Atlasians knew about you!
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By Yasmin Ayub | **Art by** Sepideh Baratian

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THE MOST COMPASSIONATE

Enjoy

Let's memorize and recite this poem!

Oh Allah,

Please bless me with a heart
That is tender and kind,
So I can show compassion to others,
And keep their feelings in mind.

You are Ar-Rauf, the Most Compassionate,
Whose mercy pours like rain.
So make me sincere in my efforts
To comfort others through their pain.

You sent Prophet Muhammad as a mercy
And a guide for mankind,
So help me follow his teachings,
And the legacy he left behind.

He showed mercy to the old woman
Who threw garbage at him every day.
When he visited her after she fell ill,
She accepted Islam right away.

He showed compassion towards children,
Like the boy whose pet bird died.
He consoled him with his words,
And held him close as he cried.

He showed kindness to animals,
Like the mother bird that wouldn't rest,
Until he ordered the return of the chicks
That were stolen from her nest.

He showed concern for the oppressed,
And always fought for their rights.
He was always worried for his ummah,
And cried in prayer through the nights.

So guide my heart to follow the footsteps
Of Your Messenger with the heart of gold,
Who gave us a glimpse of Your compassion,
And the infinite mercy that You hold.

Ameen!

By Maya Salem

Name-Place-Animal-Thing

Zayd

Al-Ahzab, 37

Zayd (ra) is the only companion of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) whose name is mentioned in the Quran. Also, he was the fourth person to accept Islam. He was kidnapped in his childhood and found when serving our beloved Prophet (pbuh). Even when he was free to go with his birth father, he did not leave the Prophet's side. Such was his love for Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)!

Zayd ibn
Harithah

Zechariah

Al-An'am, 85

Prophet Zechariah was a member of the family of Imran, a blessed family whose members also included Isa (as) and his mother, Maryam. The Quran tells us that Prophet Zechariah and his wife performed good deeds and called on Allah with hope, so Allah rewarded them with a child in their older age. Prophet Zechariah and his son Prophet Yahya are mentioned in the Quran for their righteousness.

Zabur

Al-Anbiya, 105

Zabur is one of the four holy books that were revealed to the Prophets by Allah. These holy books were sent as a guide to people of that time so that they could be rightly guided and do good deeds. Zabur was revealed to Prophet Dawud (as) just like Quran was revealed to Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). Can you name the other two and to whom they were revealed?

Zoom into the world of the Quran's names, places, animals, and things that start with the letter Z - a zone of wonder waiting to be explored!

Zakat

Al-Baqarah, 110

Imagine you have a big box of crayons with many colors to choose from. But what if some of your classmates had no crayons? You can share your extra colors with them so they can draw and color too! As we grow up and earn money, we can also share a small part of it with people who have less. This is called Zakat and it helps care for our Muslim community. Sharing colors brightens someone's day, and sharing our wealth can make a positive difference in someone's life.

Zaqqum

As-Saffat, 62

Zaqqum is a tree that is mentioned in the Quran. According to Islamic tradition, Zaqqum's fruits are very bitter. The tree is described as having roots that go very deep into the ground and leaves that look different from other trees.

Enjoy

Zayd (ra) was the fourth person to become Muslim. Can you name the three people who accepted Islam before him?

محمد
عليه السلام

The time when our beloved Prophet (pbuh) lived is called the Asr Saadah. It means the Age of Happiness, and that's exactly what it was! Even though he faced a lot of difficulties, he always forgave people and was really kind. He had thousands of companions, but he remained humble and lived a simple life.

The Prophet's Last Journey

After the years spent in Medina, the Prophet prepared to visit the Kaaba one last time, feeling that his time was approaching. When he set out with his companions, thousands of Muslims joined him, all repeating a special phrase: **"Labbayk Allahumma Labbayk."** This journey was a unique and meaningful experience for those who followed him.

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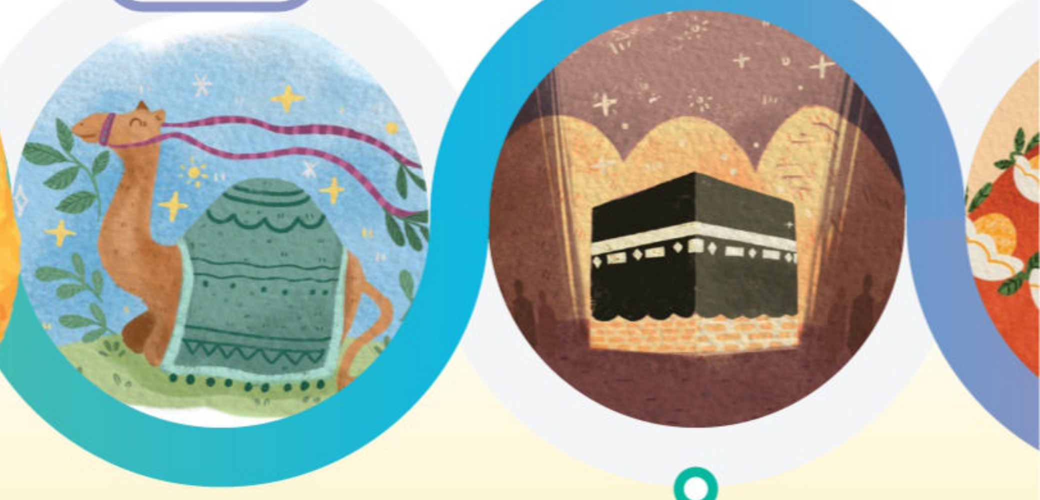
Asr Saadah: The Age of Happiness



The Farewell Hajj

The Muslim convoy arrived in Mecca, brimming with excitement and joy. They all gathered to visit the Kaaba, and there, **our Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) taught them how to perform hajj**—one of the five pillars of Islam. This was a special occasion as it was the first and last hajj the Prophet had ever performed. It would later be called the Farewell Hajj.

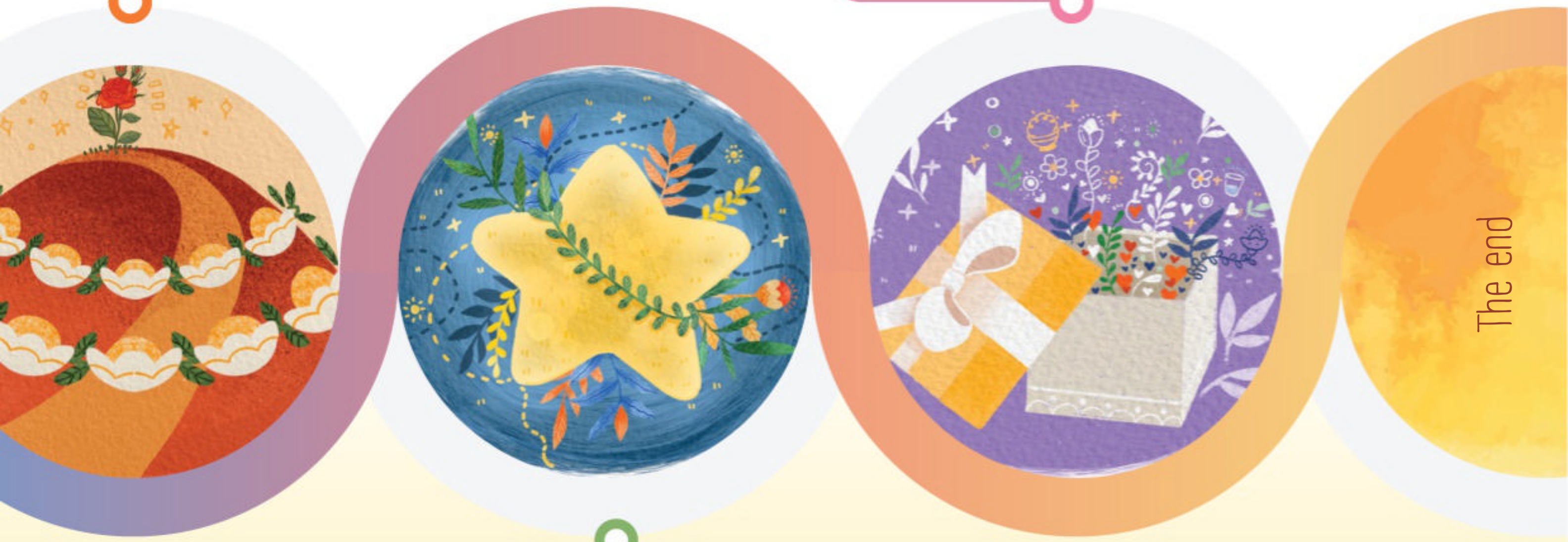
Learn the meaning of the phrase "Labbayk Allahumma Labbayk" and write it down here.

The Farewell Sermon

After completing the hajj, the Prophet (pbuh) gave a powerful and inspiring speech to a huge gathering. He shared his teachings on **achieving peace and happiness in society**—not just for the Muslims present, but for all humanity. This speech came to be known as the Farewell Sermon. This was a significant and memorable event, as his message was one of universal respect and equality for every single person.

The Two Gifts

The Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) left us two wonderful gifts—the Quran and the Sunnah, **like a treasure map that guides us throughout our lives.** Allah sent him to teach us how to live a happy and peaceful life, and his beautiful life story is a source of guidance for us. O Allah, please help us to follow in the footsteps of the Prophet Muhammad. Ameen!



In the Care of Fatima

After delivering the Farewell Sermon, **the Prophet spent his last days in the care of his beloved daughter, Fatima.** During one of these moments, the Prophet whispered something to Fatima that made her cry. But when he whispered something else, she began to smile. When asked about this later, she said that the Prophet had told her he would soon depart from this world, and she cried. However, he also told her that she would be the first one from their family to join him in the afterlife, which made her smile.

By Sarah Bayza

Have your best friend take this quiz!

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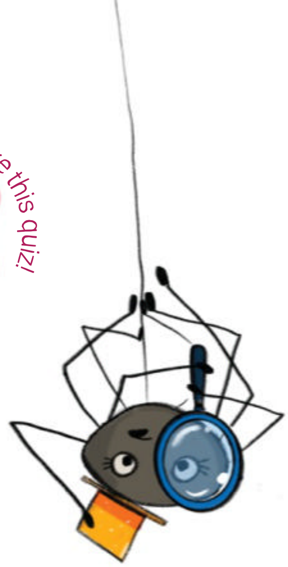


ARE YOU SPI OR CHICK IN YOUR FRIENDSHIP?

Spi and Chick are the dynamic duos that every Atlasia Kid adores! They have an incredible bond that's as unique as they are. Of course, like any BFFs, they have their own quirks, but that's what makes their friendship so fantastic! Take this quiz to see which one of these awesome pals you like most in your one-of-a-kind friendship!

1

What type of clothes do you wear more often?

- **A** Sporty clothes like athletic wear
- **B** Chic clothes that are more stylish

2

When your friend has a problem:

- **A** You comfort them
- **B** You help them find a solution

3

What type of movies do you like to see at the cinema?

- **A** Funny movies (Comedy)
- **B** Movies about space or aliens (Science fiction)

4

When your friend is feeling down:

- **A** You lift their spirits with humor
- **B** You have an honest heart-to-heart conversation

5

When you take a picture:

- **A** You take a quick selfie
- **B** You ask someone else to take the picture for you

6

When your friend makes you upset:

A You feel sad or hurt

B You try to address the issue together

7

How would you describe yourself?

A Talkative

B Calm

8

During conversations, do you:

A Tell jokes and make people laugh

B Give information and facts

9

Which of these things have you heard more often:

A "You need to be more serious."

B "You need to have more fun."

Mostly A

You're a total Spi-tacular friend! You bring the party to your friendship and value deep emotional connections. Your outgoing and chatty personality makes you a fabulous friend who's always there to lend an ear and have a good time!

Mostly B

You're a complete Chick champion! Your mature and level-headed approach helps you build unbreakable bonds. You're the wise one who leads the way and always keeps a cool head. Above all, you value being there for your friends through thick and thin, making you a top-notch pal!

Art by Katya Reyda

A MOUNTAIN OF GEMS

Mirali needed a job so that he and his mother could make ends meet. But he couldn't find any work. The shops weren't hiring, and the farms had all the help they needed. Mirali worried about what would happen to his mother and himself if they couldn't even afford to eat. Mirali continued his search with a rising sense of panic. Finally, he came to the home of Alibek, the wealthiest man in the village.

"Hello, I am looking for work," Mirali explained.

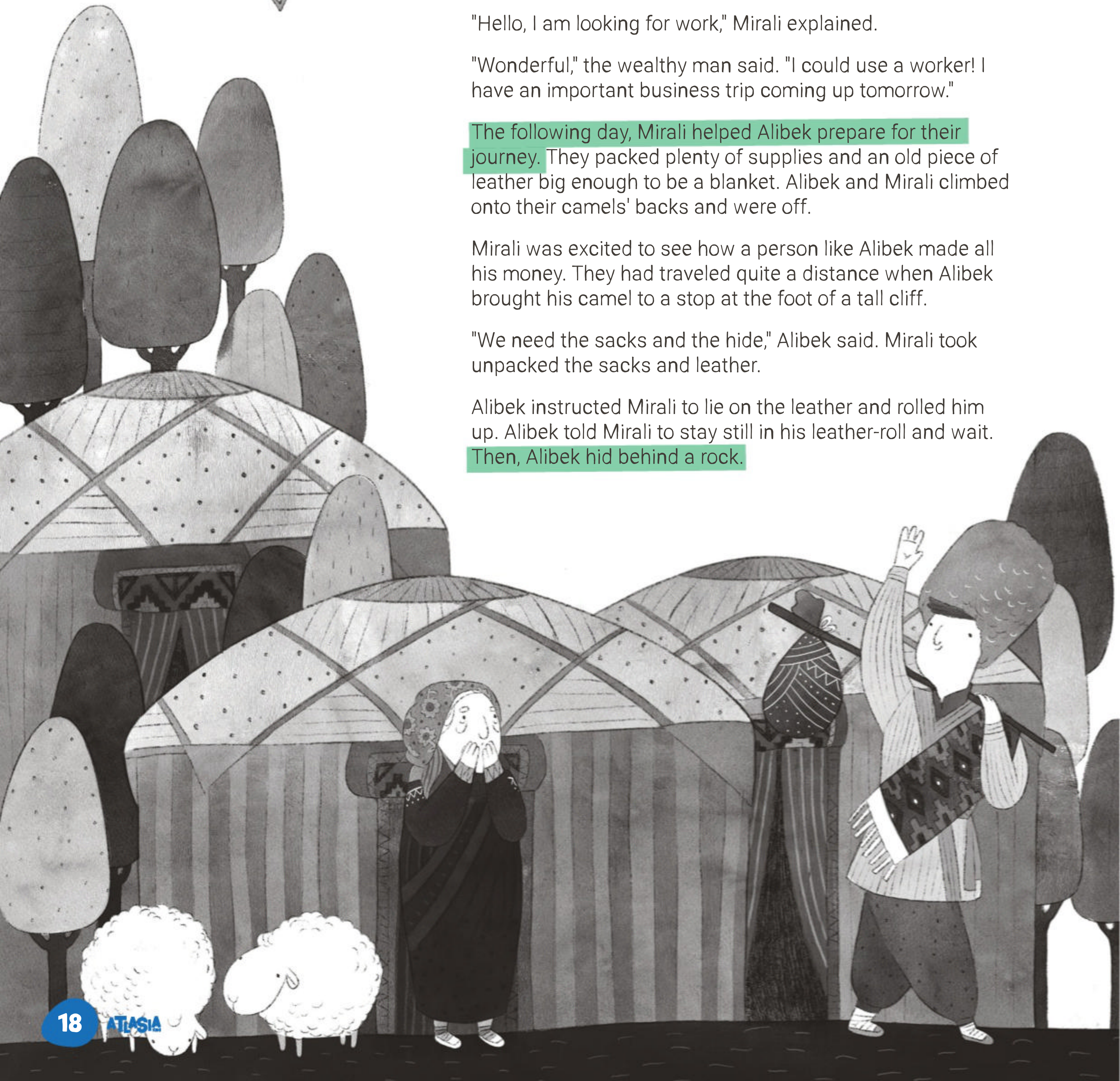
"Wonderful," the wealthy man said. "I could use a worker! I have an important business trip coming up tomorrow."

The following day, Mirali helped Alibek prepare for their journey. They packed plenty of supplies and an old piece of leather big enough to be a blanket. Alibek and Mirali climbed onto their camels' backs and were off.

Mirali was excited to see how a person like Alibek made all his money. They had traveled quite a distance when Alibek brought his camel to a stop at the foot of a tall cliff.

"We need the sacks and the hide," Alibek said. Mirali took unpacked the sacks and leather.

Alibek instructed Mirali to lie on the leather and rolled him up. Alibek told Mirali to stay still in his leather-roll and wait. Then, Alibek hid behind a rock.



Listen

Soon two giant eagles arrived. Together the birds picked up the hide and flew it to the top of the mountain. Then, they began pecking at it. Mirali climbed out of the leather, scaring the birds off. Looking around, he could see gemstones covering the ground, so many that he couldn't see the grass.

"Throw the gems down to me," Alibek called up. Alibek filled his sacks as Mirali dropped the gems.

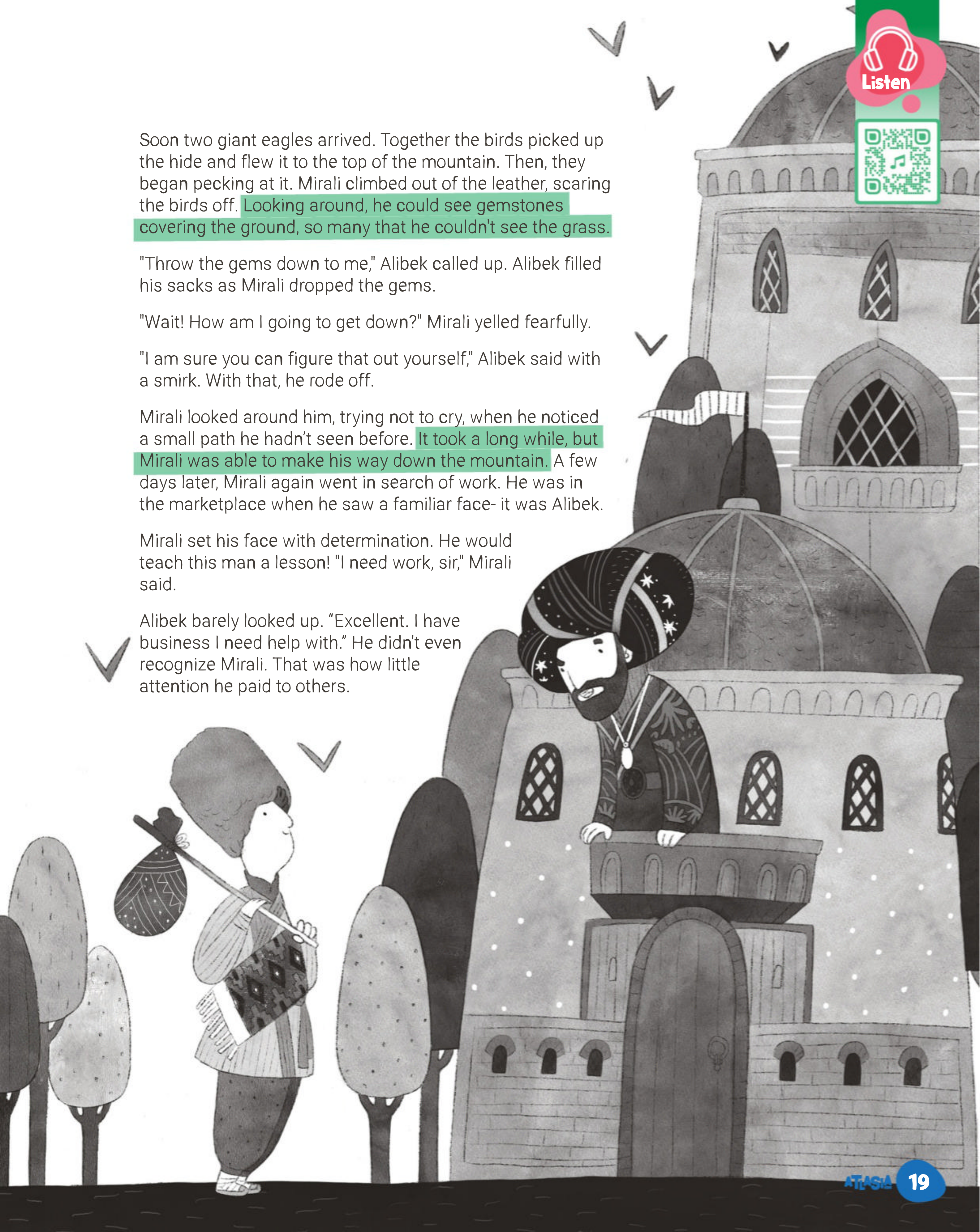
"Wait! How am I going to get down?" Mirali yelled fearfully.

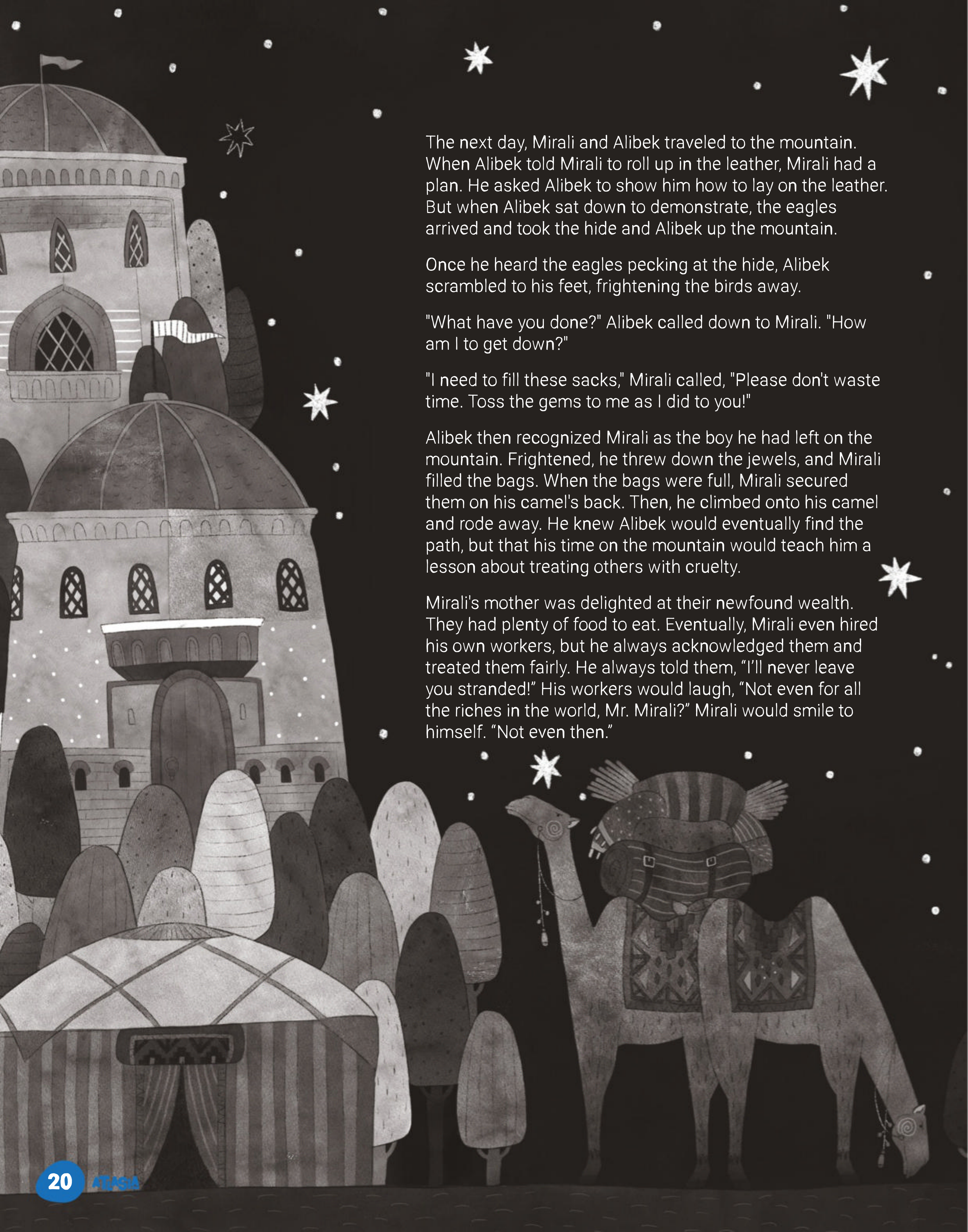
"I am sure you can figure that out yourself," Alibek said with a smirk. With that, he rode off.

Mirali looked around him, trying not to cry, when he noticed a small path he hadn't seen before. It took a long while, but Mirali was able to make his way down the mountain. A few days later, Mirali again went in search of work. He was in the marketplace when he saw a familiar face- it was Alibek.

Mirali set his face with determination. He would teach this man a lesson! "I need work, sir," Mirali said.

Alibek barely looked up. “Excellent. I have business I need help with.” He didn't even recognize Mirali. That was how little attention he paid to others.





The next day, Mirali and Alibek traveled to the mountain. When Alibek told Mirali to roll up in the leather, Mirali had a plan. He asked Alibek to show him how to lay on the leather. But when Alibek sat down to demonstrate, the eagles arrived and took the hide and Alibek up the mountain.

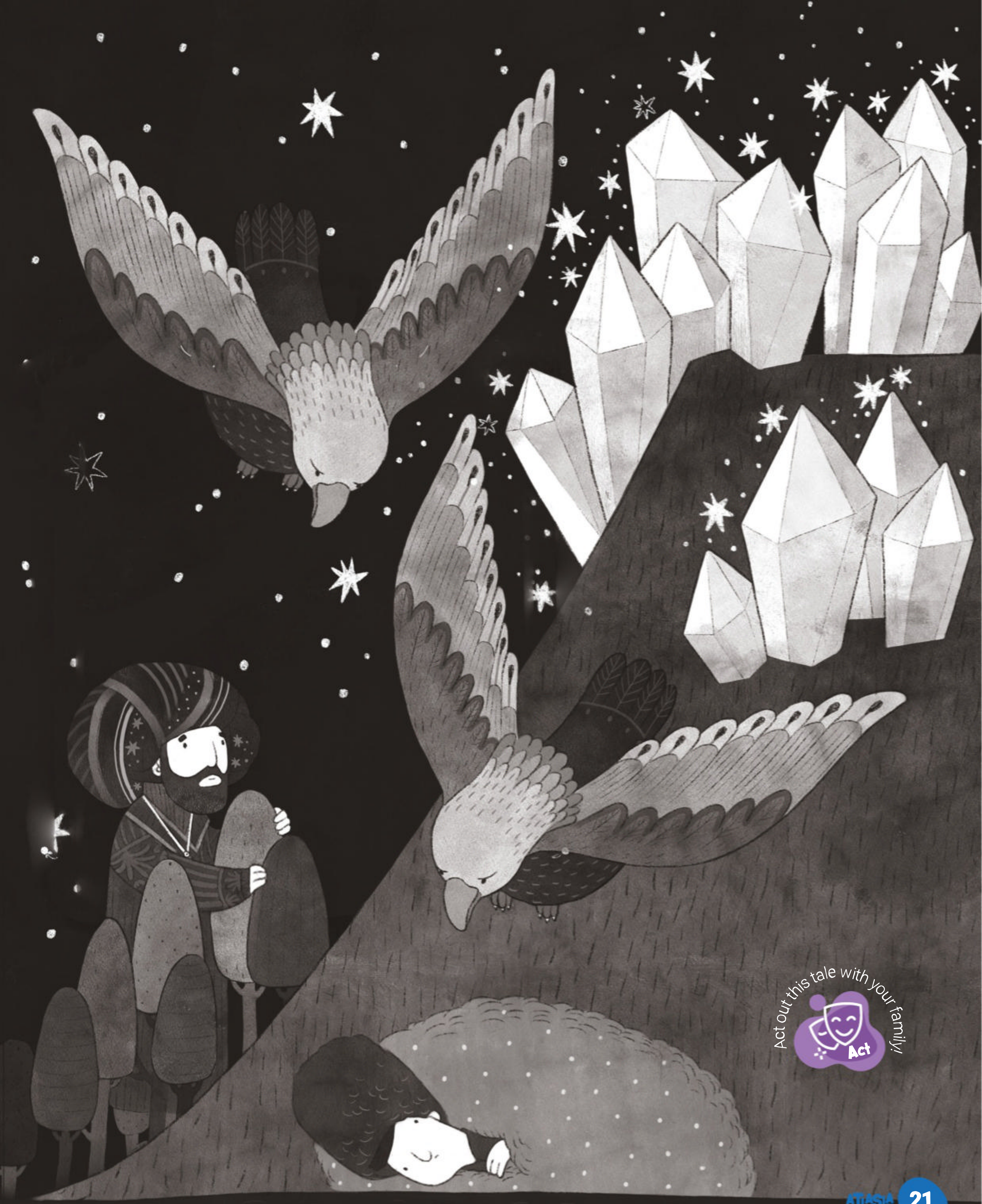
Once he heard the eagles pecking at the hide, Alibek scrambled to his feet, frightening the birds away.

"What have you done?" Alibek called down to Mirali. "How am I to get down?"

"I need to fill these sacks," Mirali called, "Please don't waste time. Toss the gems to me as I did to you!"

Alibek then recognized Mirali as the boy he had left on the mountain. Frightened, he threw down the jewels, and Mirali filled the bags. When the bags were full, Mirali secured them on his camel's back. Then, he climbed onto his camel and rode away. He knew Alibek would eventually find the path, but that his time on the mountain would teach him a lesson about treating others with cruelty.

Mirali's mother was delighted at their newfound wealth. They had plenty of food to eat. Eventually, Mirali even hired his own workers, but he always acknowledged them and treated them fairly. He always told them, “I'll never leave you stranded!” His workers would laugh, “Not even for all the riches in the world, Mr. Mirali?” Mirali would smile to himself. “Not even then.”



Act out this tale with your family!

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Art by Yasemin Ezberci

CHEF SPI-CEY

EID COOKIES

Hey chefs, let's bake some Eid cookies that are easy peasy and so yummy! Get ready to impress your loved ones with your baking skills!

Ingredients for the cookie dough

- ½ kg (4 cups) all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon powder
- 300 g (1 1/3 cups) ghee (clarified butter)
- 50 g (1/2 cup) icing sugar, for dusting
- ½ cup milk

For the date filling

- 120 g (roughly 1/2 cup) pitted Medjool dates
- 1 Tablespoon butter (or ghee)
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon powder

Instructions

For the date filling

First, prepare the date filling. Place the pitted Medjool dates in a food processor and pulse until a paste is formed. Melt butter in a small saucepan. Combine date paste, melted butter, and cinnamon powder and stir together. Make small balls of the date mixture and place them on a parchment paper lined tray. Keep the date balls in the fridge until ready to use.

Take a photo/video

For the cookie dough

1

Place the flour, cinnamon powder, baking powder, and salt in a bowl. Mix with a spoon and set aside.

2

Place ghee (clarified butter) in a large bowl, and add the powdered sugar. Use an electric beater to whisk together till light and fluffy.

3

Add the flour mixture to the ghee and sugar. Mix until well combined. Add the milk and mix again. The dough is ready when it can be formed into a ball and doesn't crack when pressed. Cover the dough and let it rest for about 30 minutes.

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Use a tablespoon to scoop out the dough and roll between your palms to form individual balls.

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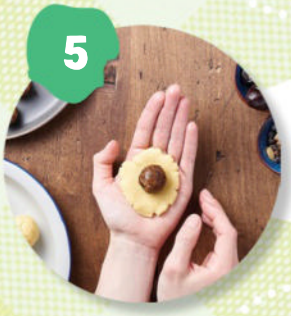

To stuff the cookies, place a ball of dough in your hand and make an indentation using your thumb. Place the filling ball in the center and wrap the remaining dough around it. Roll it into a smooth ball again.

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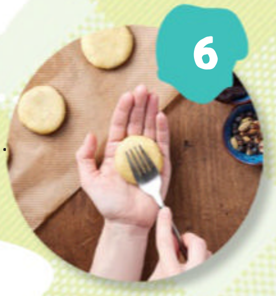


Make an indentation on the top of the cookies using a fork.

7

Place the prepared cookies on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Make sure there is space between each cookie.

8

Bake in a preheated oven at 180 C (355F) for about 15 – 18 minutes until the bottom is browned and the top is pale golden.

9

Remove from the oven and let the cookies cool for a few minutes on the baking sheet.

When the cookies have cooled, place them on a platter and dust generously with powdered sugar. Eid Mubarak!

By Sumeyra Ozcan | **Art by** Nelli Sunelli

PIGEON GUARDIANS

I remember it like yesterday. It was a peaceful day in the mountain of Thawr. My friend and I were flying around, enjoying the fresh air and the freedom of the skies. We were having the time of our lives until something caught our eye.

Two men were walking towards a cave on the mountain. They walked cautiously, trying their best not to harm any living thing in their path. As they got closer, we realized that they were none other than the Prophet and his faithful friend, Abu Bakr.

They looked like they were going to stay in the cave for some time. My friend and I decided to keep watch and stay close.So we persevered for hours, despite growing tired and hungry, knowing it was our duty to protect them.

As dawn approached, two spider friends spun webs at the cave entrance. Later, a group of men came looking for the Prophet and his friend, but they left after seeing the cobweb and us standing there peacefully. They told each other that if people were inside, we would be disturbed and run away. They obviously did not know the kindness of our Prophet and his friends towards all living things! Talking among themselves, they went down the mountain and rode off. We all took a deep breath.

Looking back on that day, I realize how lucky we were for the opportunity to serve as guards for our Prophet.

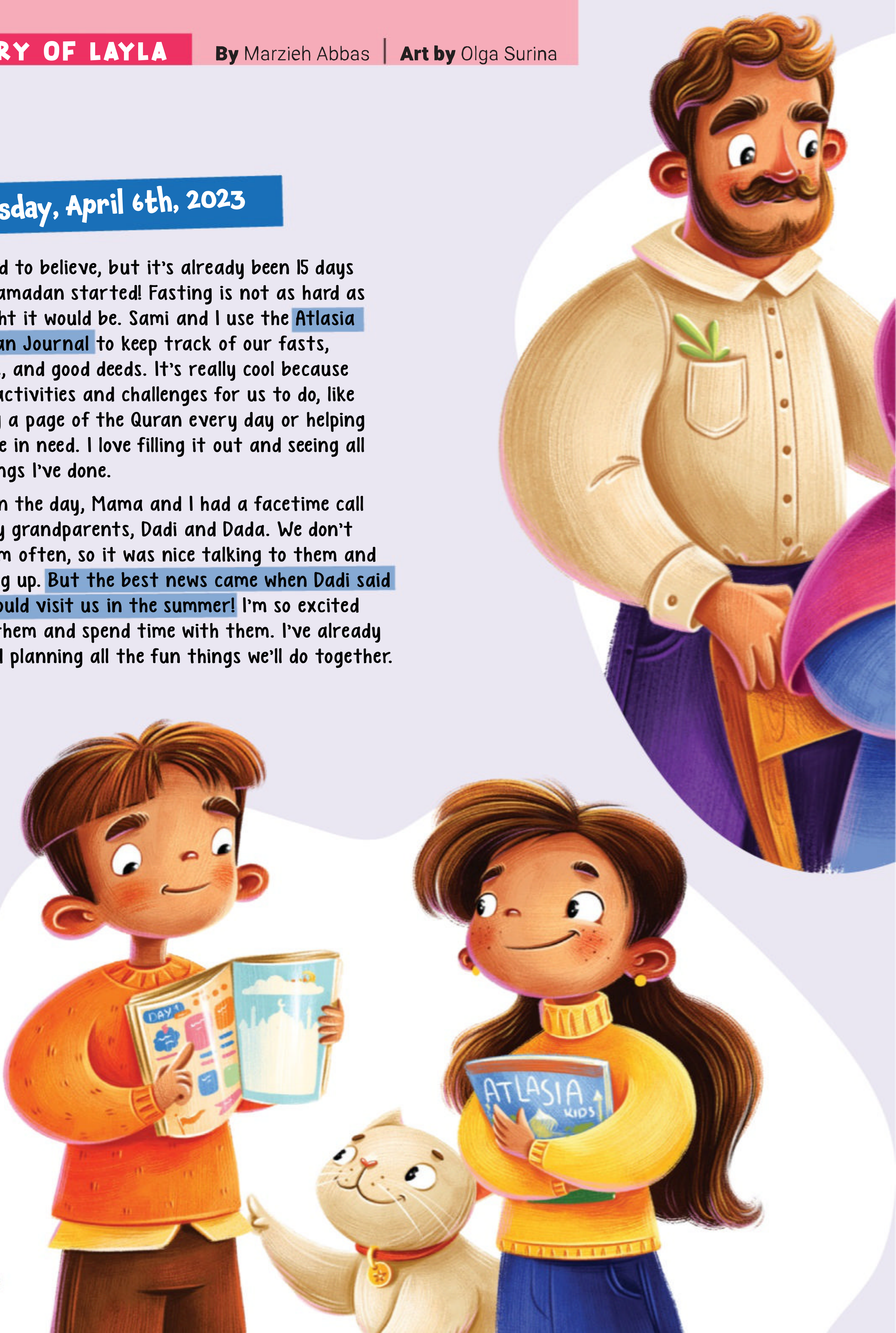
DIARY OF LAYLA

By Marzieh Abbas | **Art by** Olga Surina

Thursday, April 6th, 2023

It's hard to believe, but it's already been 15 days since Ramadan started! Fasting is not as hard as I thought it would be. Sami and I use the Atlasia Ramadan Journal to keep track of our fasts, prayers, and good deeds. It's really cool because it has activities and challenges for us to do, like reading a page of the Quran every day or helping someone in need. I love filling it out and seeing all the things I've done.

Later in the day, Mama and I had a facetime call with my grandparents, Dadi and Dada. We don't see them often, so it was nice talking to them and catching up. But the best news came when Dadi said they would visit us in the summer! I'm so excited to see them and spend time with them. I've already started planning all the fun things we'll do together.

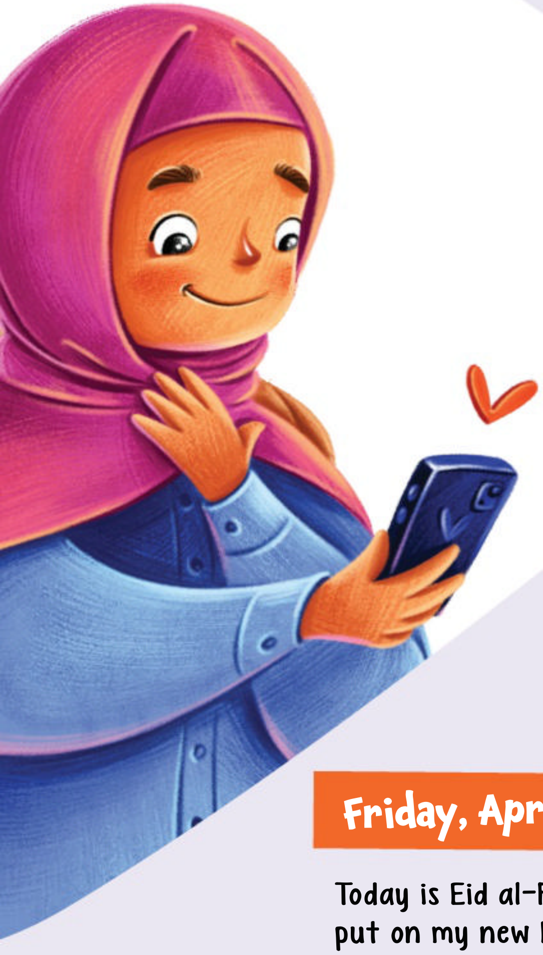


Listen

Saturday, April 18th, 2023

Remember the sad event that happened back in February, when Mama's friend in Turkey lost her home and belongings in the earthquake? Well, she called Mama today and said that she and her family were doing okay. They were able to find temporary housing and got help from the community.

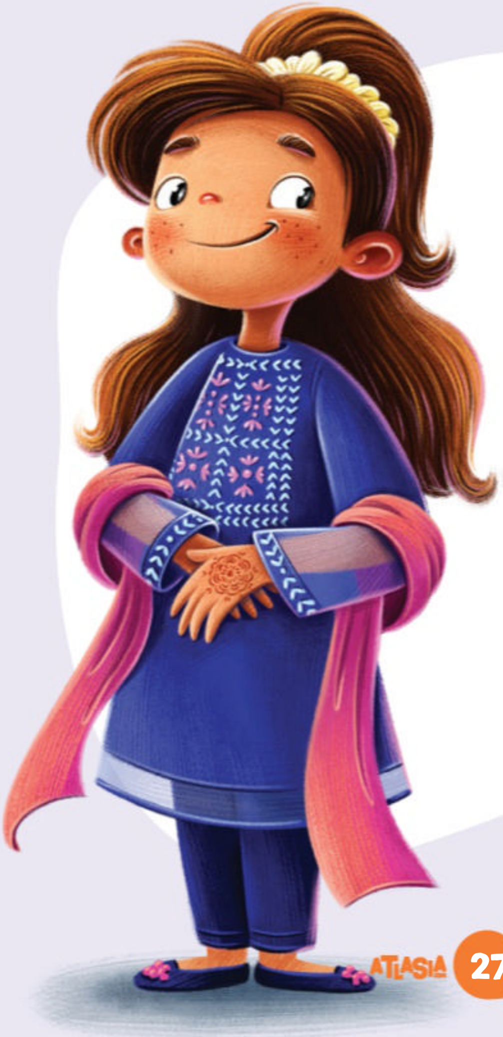
Mama was so happy to hear the good news, and we all breathed a sigh of relief. It was such a difficult time for her friend and her family, but it's heartwarming to hear that they're getting through it with the support of their loved ones. My parents are still thinking of ways to support them further, and I love how they support their friends. Baba always says that Ramadan is not just about fasting and prayers; it's also a time for giving and being kind.



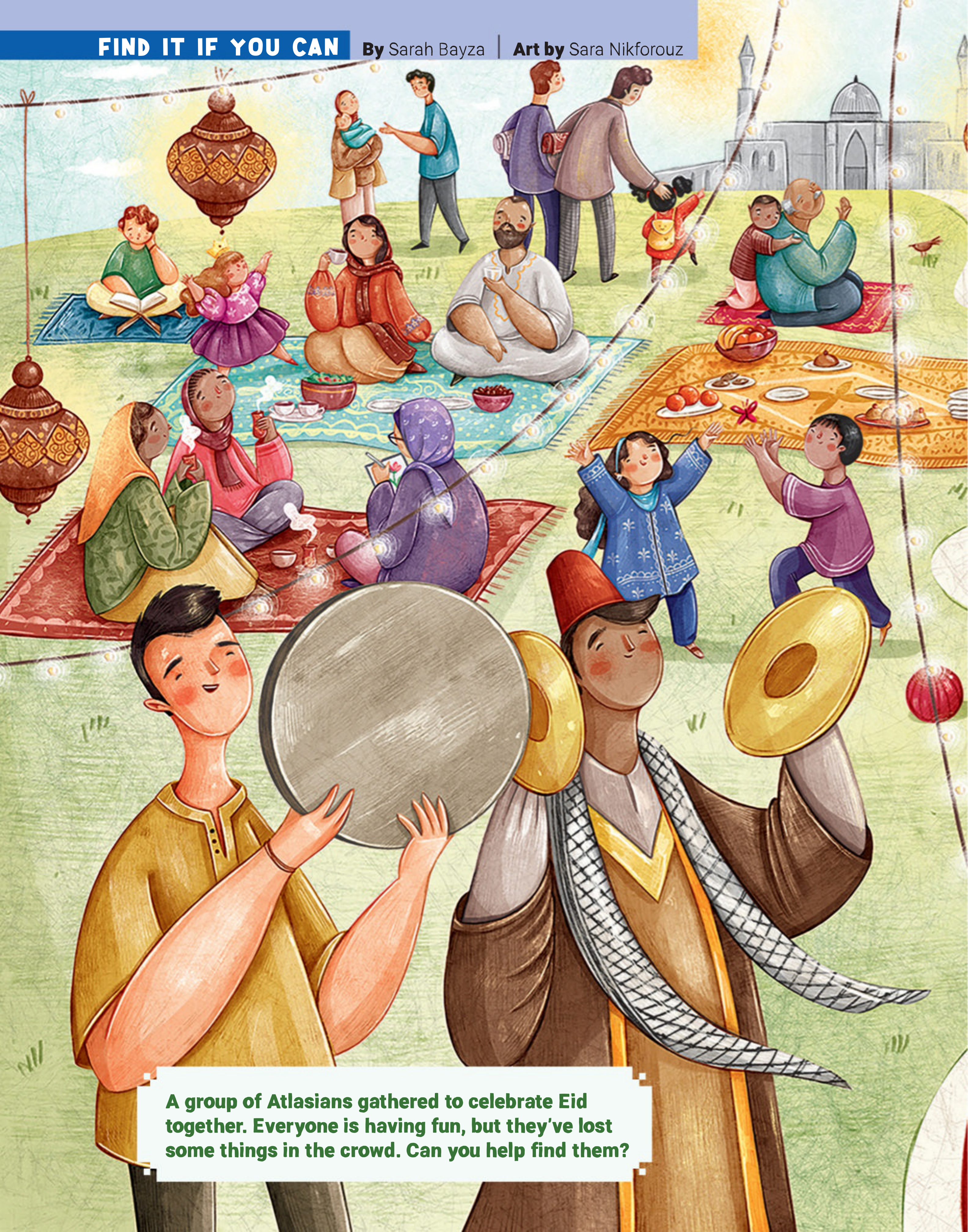
Friday, April 21st, 2023

Today is Eid al-Fitr! I woke up super early to put on my new Eid clothes, and Mama made my hands look so pretty with henna designs. Then, we went to the Islamic center for Eid prayers, and it was so much fun! Everyone was there, and I got to hug all my friends. Nadia and her family were also there, and it was nice to see them after a long time. After the prayers, we had a big feast with lots of yummy food. There were juicy lamb kebabs, sweet kheer, and so much more. I ate until my belly was full, and it was all so delicious.

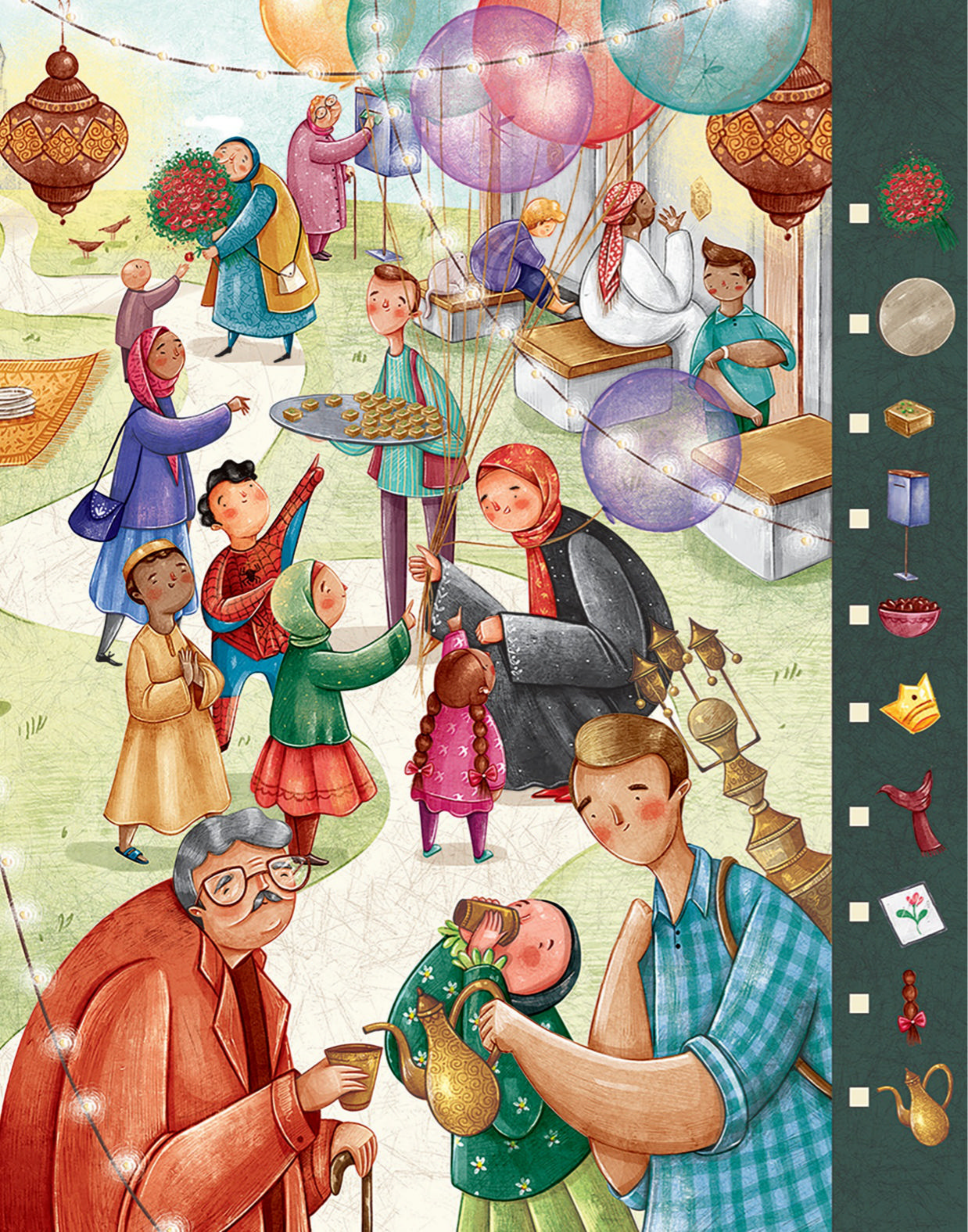
Then, Nadia, Emma, and I gave out candies to some of the younger kids. Seeing their happy faces was a wonderful feeling.



By Sarah Bayza | **Art by** Sara Nikforouz



A group of Atlasians gathered to celebrate Eid together. Everyone is having fun, but they've lost some things in the crowd. Can you help find them?



By Naeem Gaber

THOSE WHO WORK WHILE WE SLEEP

THE NIGHT OWLS

Have you ever thought about the people who work while you sleep? Yes, they do exist! They are called Night Owls, who work hard to make sure everything runs smoothly while we snuggle in our beds. Let’s take a closer look at some of these hardworking Night Owls.

OVERNIGHT STOCKERS

Picture this: you stroll into a grocery store in the morning, and everything is fully stocked and neatly arranged. That's because of the overnight stockers, who toil away through the night to restock the shelves. These hard-working Night Owls unload trucks, unpack boxes, and organize products on the shelves, ensuring that we have fresh food and other essentials to purchase when we need them.

DELIVERY WORKERS

Have you ever received a package at your doorstep in the morning after ordering online? It's all thanks to the delivery workers who work around the clock to make sure your package arrives on time. These dedicated Night Owls drive trucks and vans, load and unload packages, and deliver them to homes and businesses, rain or shine.

BAKERS AND CHEFS

While we snooze, there are people working hard to bake fresh bread, cakes, and pastries. These Night Owls wake up early to deliver fresh baked goods to your local bakery. And what about the chefs who work in restaurants? They prepare meals for people who work night shifts or crave a midnight snack. These culinary wizards work tirelessly to make sure that we have delicious food to eat, no matter what time it is.

FARMERS

While we dream of lush green fields, farmers work tirelessly around the clock to grow crops and raise animals. They labor in fields, barns, and stables, ensuring that our food is fresh, healthy, and delicious. These Night Owls wake up before dawn to milk cows, feed chickens, and harvest crops. They're the reason we have food on our tables every day.

JANITORS

Ever wondered why your school or office is always spotless in the morning? It's all thanks to the Night Owls who work hard at night to clean and maintain the building. These unsung heroes sweep and mop floors, dust furniture, and empty trash cans, creating a clean and safe environment for everyone to work or study.

TRUCK DRIVERS

If you've ever seen a big rig on the road at night, it's because of the truck drivers transporting goods from one place to another. These Night Owls work long hours, driving across the country to deliver packages and supplies. They make sure that our stores are stocked with food, clothes, and other items that we need.

FACTORY WORKERS

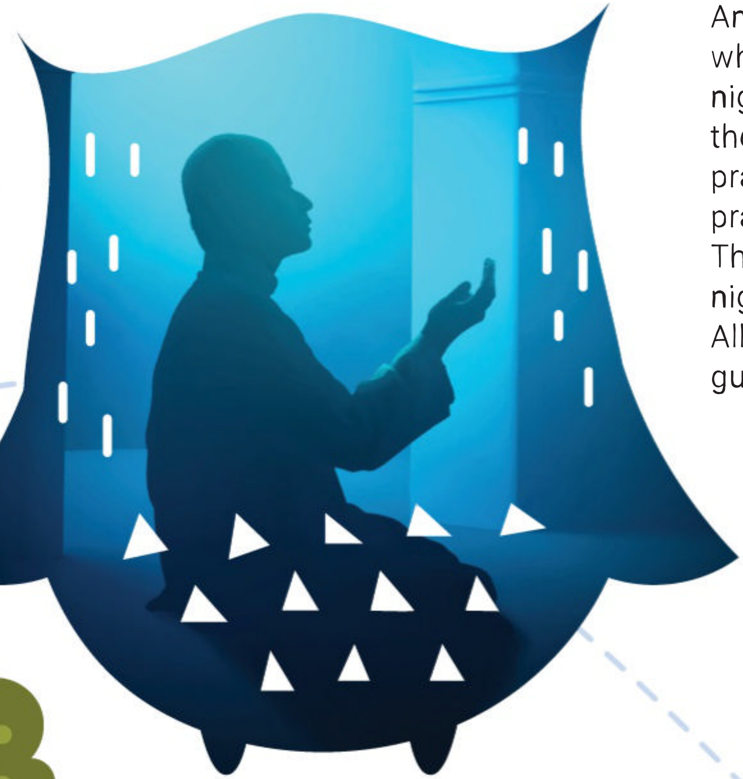
Have you ever wondered how the things you use every day are made? That's because the factory workers work all night to produce goods. They operate machines, assemble parts, and package products. They make sure that the products are ready to be shipped to stores and homes.

AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS

Air traffic controllers work hard to ensure that planes take off and land safely. They monitor flights, communicate with pilots, and make sure that planes are on the right path. They work in control towers, keeping track of planes from around the world.

CHARITY ORGANIZATIONS

Charity organizations are groups that help people in need all around the world. Workers at these organizations work tirelessly day and night to provide emergency aid, education, healthcare services, and other kinds of support to those in need. They make sure that people who are struggling can get the help they require, even during the night.



NIGHT OWLS FOR ALLAH

And let's not forget the believers who wake up in the middle of the night! These Night Owls perform the Tahajjud prayer, a voluntary prayer performed after the Isha prayer and before the Fajr prayer. They wake up in the middle of the night to offer this prayer, seeking Allah's forgiveness, blessings, and guidance.

There are many people who work while we sleep, and they are the ones who keep our world running smoothly. From police officers to firefighters, doctors to delivery workers, bakers to farmers, these Night Owls work hard to make sure that we have what we need, when we need it. So, the next time you go to bed, remember to thank these hardworking Night Owls for all they do!

Art by Palina Haduika

FOLLOW THE SUNNAH AND PREVENT POVERTY

YOU CAN HELP PREVENT POVERTY AND MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE! LET'S FOLLOW THE SUNNAH OF THE PROPHET (PBUH) TO PREVENT POVERTY.

1. EAT MINDFULLY AND SHARE: EAT IN MODERATION, SHARE YOUR FOOD, AND AVOID WASTE.
2. USE ONLY WHAT YOU NEED: FOR EXAMPLE, USE WATER NOT MORE THAN YOU NEED WHEN WASHING UP. THIS HELPS CONSERVE WATER, PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT, AND PREVENT POVERTY.
3. USE WHAT YOU HAVE AND AVOID EXCESS: BE CONTENT WITH WHAT YOU HAVE AND AVOID SPENDING TOO MUCH MONEY ON THINGS YOU DON'T NEED.
4. HELP THOSE IN NEED: BEING GENEROUS CAN HELP PREVENT POVERTY AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE.
5. SHARE WITH OTHERS: SHARE YOUR TOYS, BOOKS, OR SNACKS. THIS SPREADS HAPPINESS AND KINDNESS AND HELPS PREVENT POVERTY BY MAKING SURE EVERYONE HAS WHAT THEY NEED.
6. VOLUNTEER AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE: HELP OTHERS BY PARTICIPATING IN VOLUNTEER WORK. LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

By Aimée Perera

WHAT IF WE HAD WINGS LIKE EAGLES?

Imagine soaring through the sky like an eagle, gliding on the wind with powerful wings. It's a dream that many of us have had, but is it possible for humans to fly like birds? The truth is, it's not!

WE WOULD NEED WINGS THAT ARE AT LEAST 21 FEET LONG

Birds are created for flight, with lightweight and strong bones specifically designed to support their wings. Their bones are actually hollow, which helps reduce their weight and makes it easier for them to fly. The bones are also structured in a way that allows birds to move their wings with ease and control.

If we were to have wings like eagles, we would need wings that were much larger than the ones that eagles actually have. The average wingspan of an eagle is between 5.11 and 7.7 feet, but to fly, we would need wings that are at least 21 feet long, which is impossible for us to carry or move. Even with wings that size, we would still be unable to fly because our bodies are not built to fly like birds.

Every living thing is perfect just the way it is! So while we may not be able to fly like eagles, we still have unique skills and qualities that make us who we are!

By Betty Oz

CRACK A JOKE

Send us your jokes at editor@atlasiakids.com

Send

Knock Knock

Who's there?

Orange.

Orange who?

Orange you going to answer the door?

Knock Knock

Who's there?

Al.

Al who?

Al give you a hug if you open this door!

Knock Knock

Who's there?

Wanda.

Wanda who?

Wanda you like to hear another knock-knock joke?

Fun Info

- There's a species of fish called the ocean sunfish that can weigh as much as a car!
- The longest recorded sneezing fit ever lasted for 978 days!

The tongue of a blue whale can weigh as much as an elephant!

Puns

- **Why did the banana go to the doctor?**
  Because it wasn't peeling well.
- **What do you get when you cross a snowman and a shark?**
  Frostbite
- **What's bigger than an elephant but doesn't weigh anything?**
  His shadow

Dad Jokes

- **I'm reading a book on the history of glue. I just can't seem to put it down.**
- **Why did the coffee file a police report?**
  It got mugged.
- **Why did the cookie go to the doctor?**
  Because it felt crummy.

Atlasian Jokes

- **Why did the scarecrow win an award?**
  Because he was outstanding on the field! (Semih)
- **What's worse than finding a worm in your apple?** Finding half a worm. (Yaqub, Age 8)

Moving

One day, Nasreddin Hodja was walking down the street with a large pot balanced on his head. A group of children saw him and began to laugh, saying, "Look at that silly man! He's going to drop his pot!" But Nasreddin Hodja just smiled and kept walking. Finally, one of the children said, "Why are you carrying that pot on your head?" Nasreddin Hodja replied, "To keep my hands free in case I need to catch something!"

By Patrick Allen | **Art by** Luke Swinney

GUESS WHERE I AM!

Salaam, fellow adventurers! Today, I want to tell you about my recent travels to a vibrant and colorful country in South Asia. I met a young boy named Arjun, who showed me around his beautiful country.

Arjun took me to try some of the local dishes, like butter chicken, biryani, samosas, and masala dosa. And for dessert, we had gulab jamun, rasgulla, and kulfi! The food was so delicious that I couldn't stop eating.

In addition to its delicious food, this country is rich in history and culture. Arjun showed me majestic forts and palaces, such as the Red Fort, Amer Fort, and City Palace. And we didn't miss out on seeing the beautiful Taj Mahal, a stunning ivory-white marble mausoleum that's recognized as one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

The people in this country are incredibly friendly and welcoming! Arjun introduced me to his family and even invited me to his cousin's wedding! It was so much fun to experience the local traditions and customs.

If you're looking for adventure, there are plenty of opportunities to explore nature in this country. Arjun and I went trekking in the mountains and saw some breathtaking views. We also visited a national park and went on a safari to see tigers and elephants in their natural habitats.

This country is also home to a significant Muslim population, making up around 14% of the country's total population. Arjun showed me some beautiful mosques and Islamic centers throughout the country, and I learned about the vibrant Muslim community with a rich cultural heritage.

Can you guess which country I'm talking about? If you're lucky enough to visit, I'm sure you'll fall in love with it, just like I did with the help of my new friend Arjun!

By Gia Tareq

OCEAN ALLIES UNITE

Nearly 200 countries came together to agree on something really important! They made the "High Seas Treaty" to protect the oceans. This treaty will help make sure that 30% of the ocean is protected by 2030, which is great news for all sea creatures and plants! The ocean is home to lots of different animals and plants, and this treaty will make sure that there are places where they can live without being bothered. It's still waiting for approval, but it's a huge step in the right direction. Let's cheer for our oceans and the creatures that call them home!

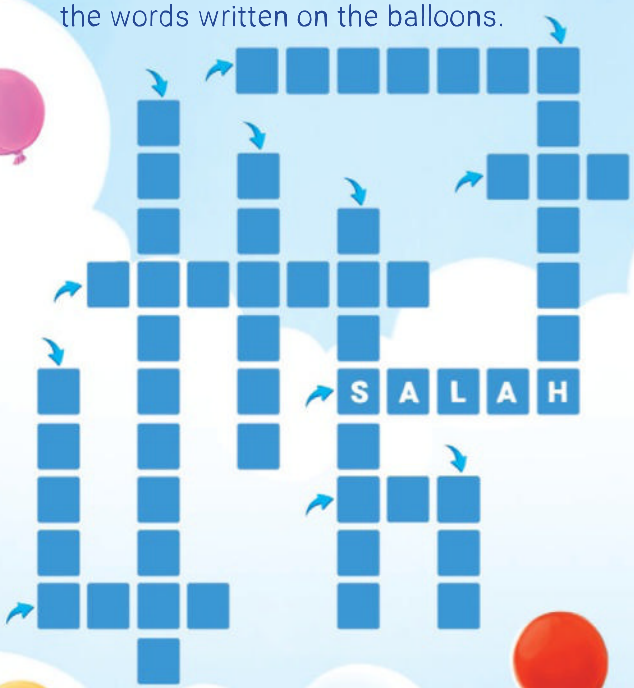
"GOODBYE" TO GIGANTIC ICEBERG!

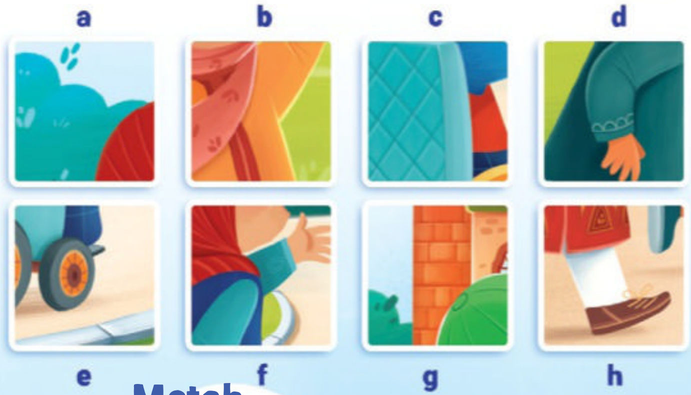
On January 22, a massive iceberg called A81 broke off from Antarctica. It's twice as big as New York City and is floating on the water. This is normal and happens naturally. The iceberg broke off because of a crack in the ice called Chasm-1. This is the second time in two years this has happened. Even though this event wasn't because of climate change, Antarctica's sea ice is melting quickly. This is because it's summer in Antarctica and getting warmer. Scientists think Antarctica's sea ice will be at a record low this year.

PUZZLE & BUMFUZZLE

Eid Crossword

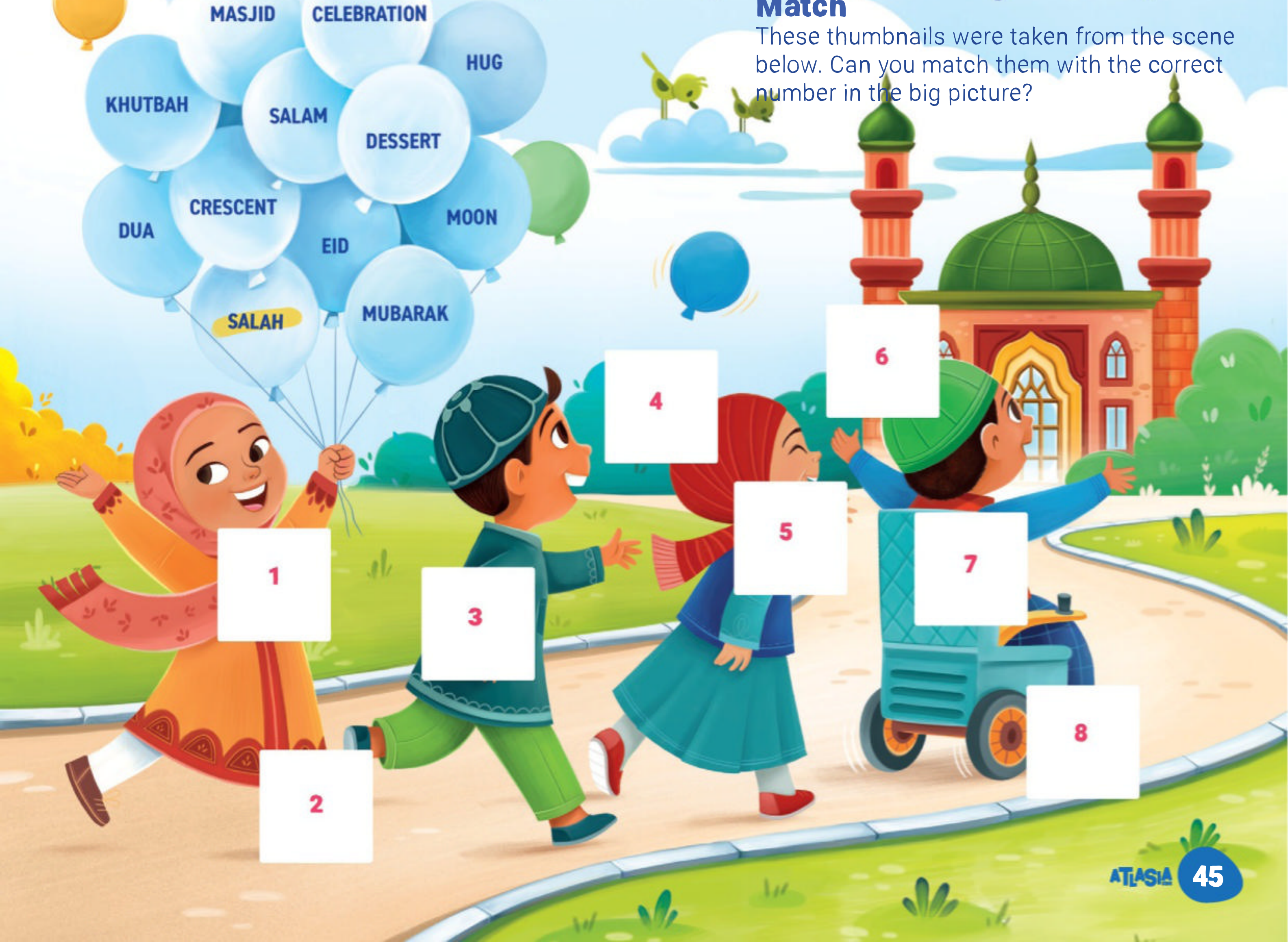
Fill in the crossword puzzle below with the words written on the balloons.





Match

These thumbnails were taken from the scene below. Can you match them with the correct number in the big picture?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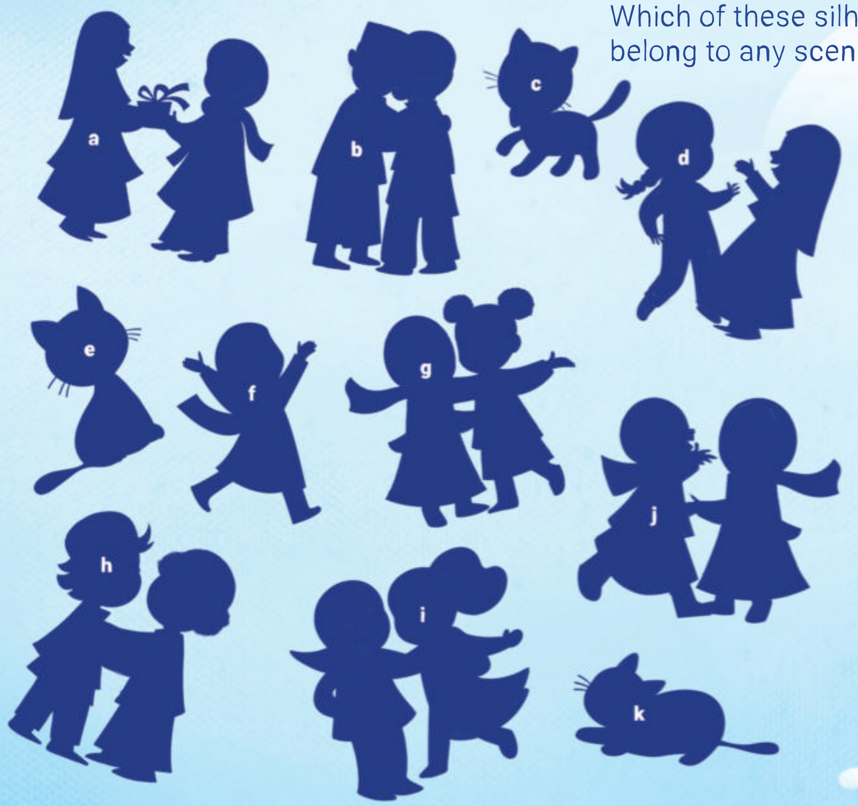
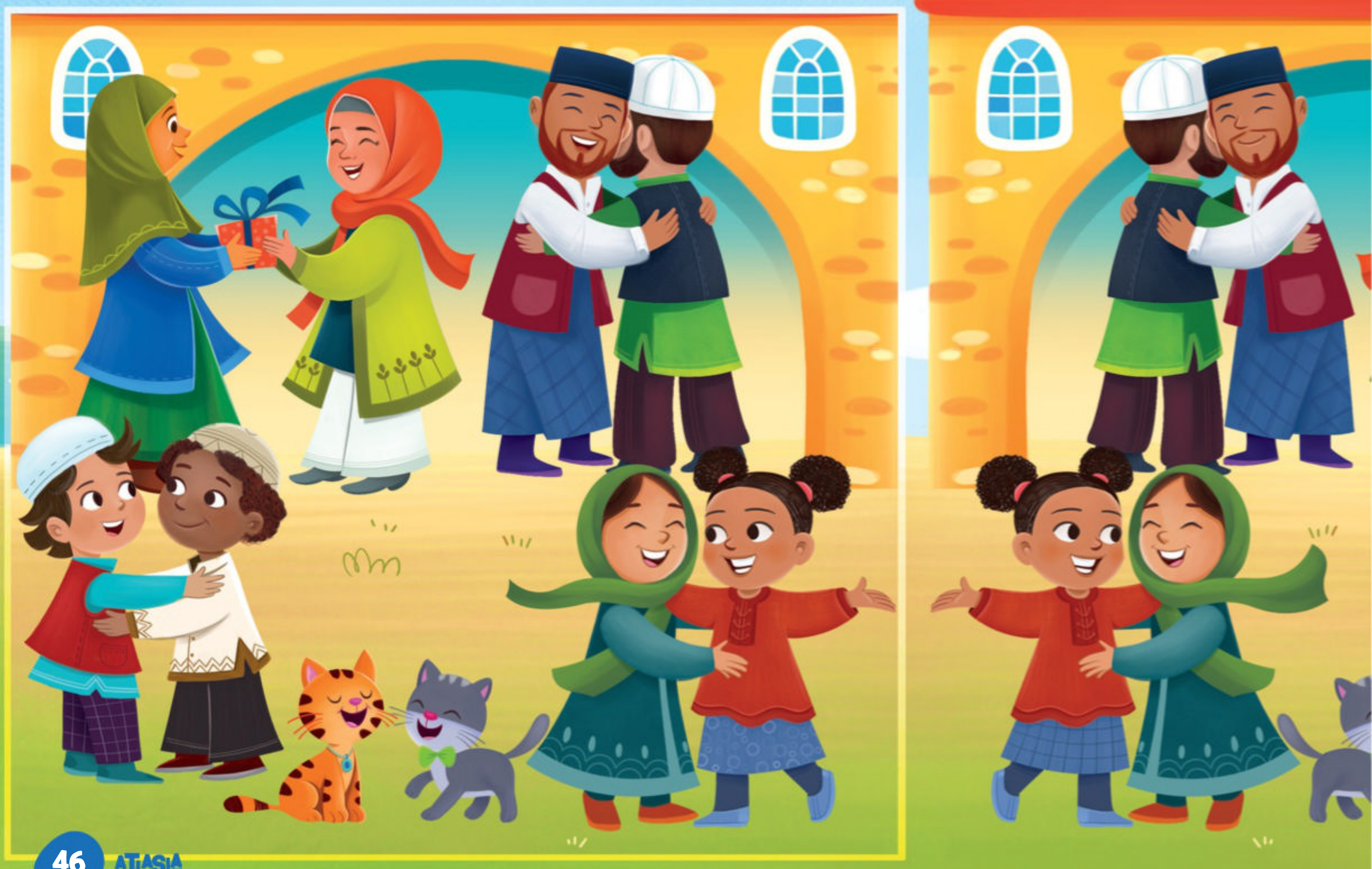
Silhouettes

Which of these silhouettes doesn't belong to any scene below?





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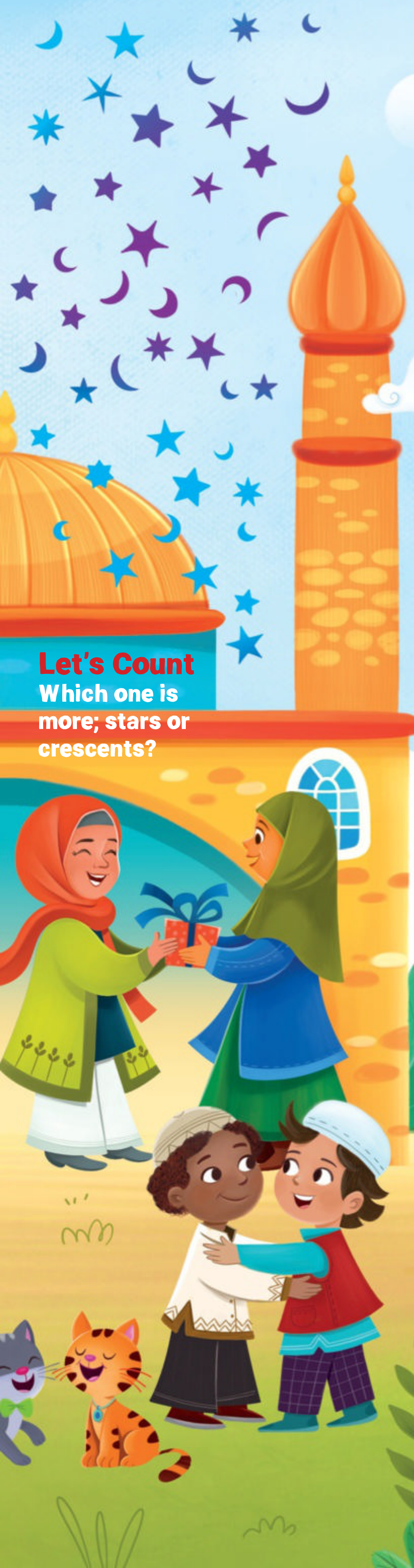
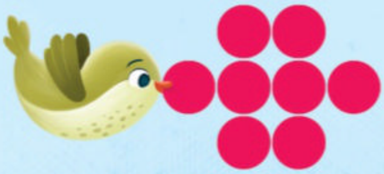


Let's Count

Which one is more; stars or crescents?

Letters

Put the figure below on the sign so that it contains all the letters in "EID AL-FITR" (**A, D, E, F, I, L, R, T**)



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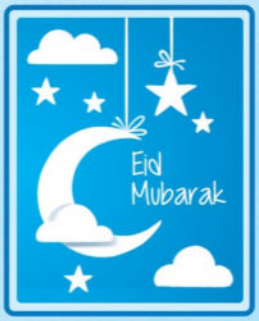
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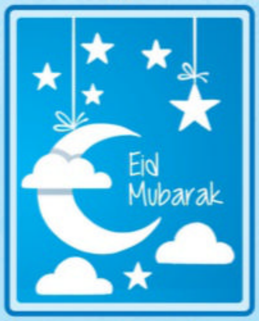
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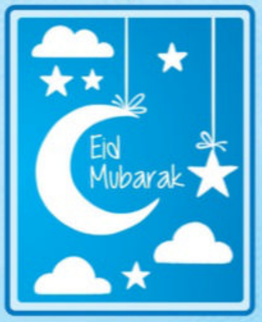
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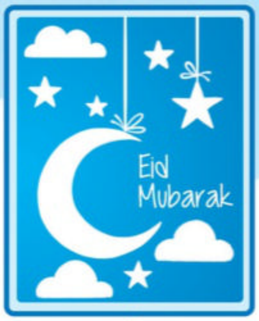
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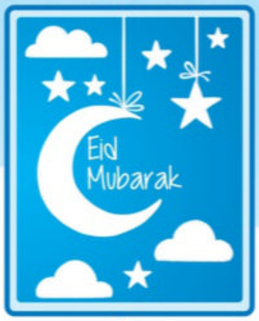
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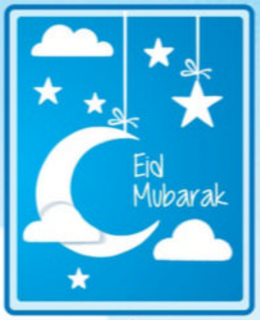
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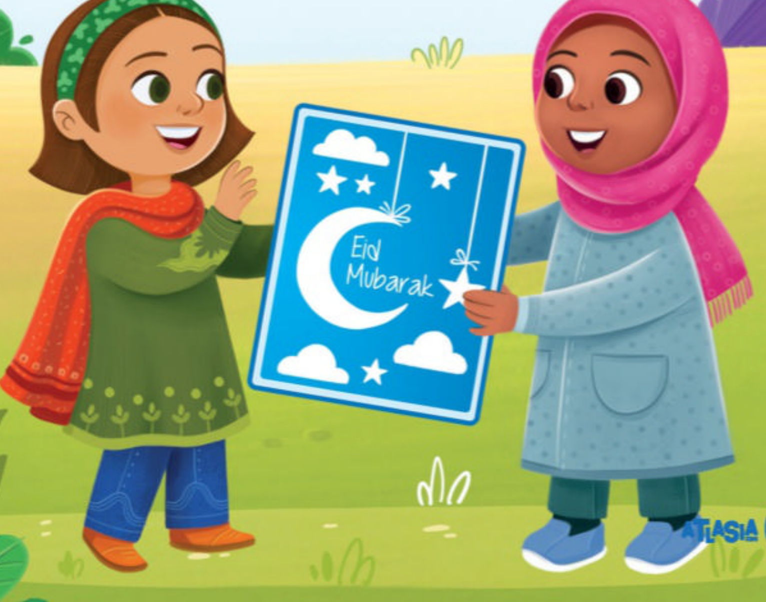
Eid Card

Which Eid card is identical to the one shown below?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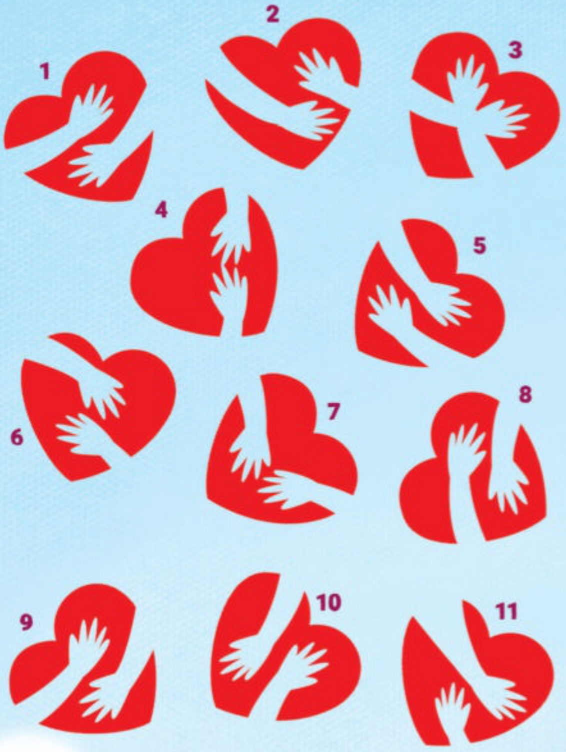
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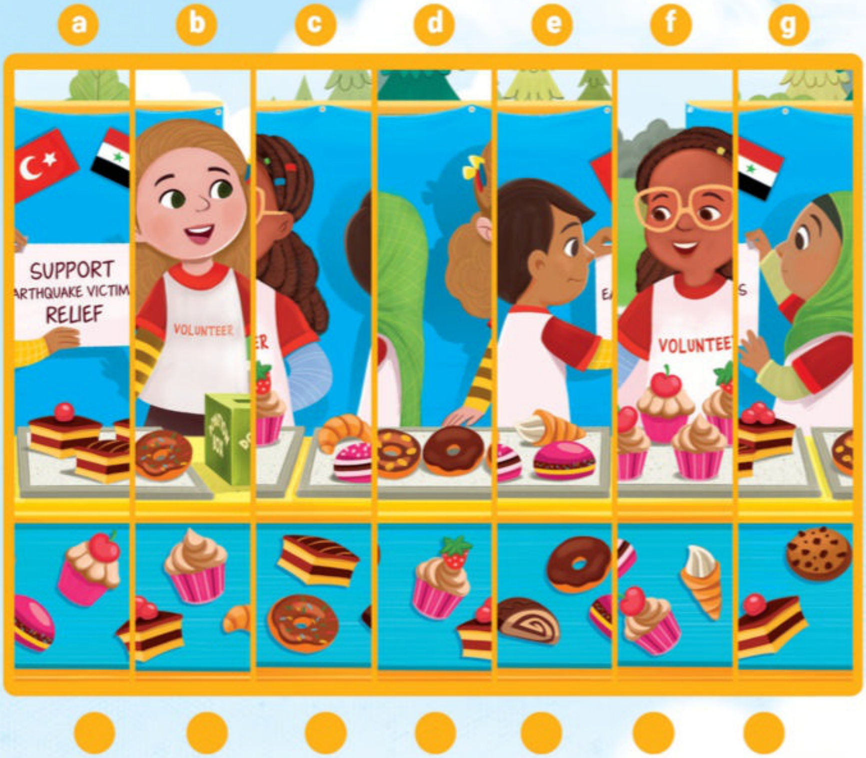
Find the Same Ones

Can you identify the shape that matches the pictogram on the signboard below?

Arrange

Arrange the parts of the picture from 1 to 7 from left to right.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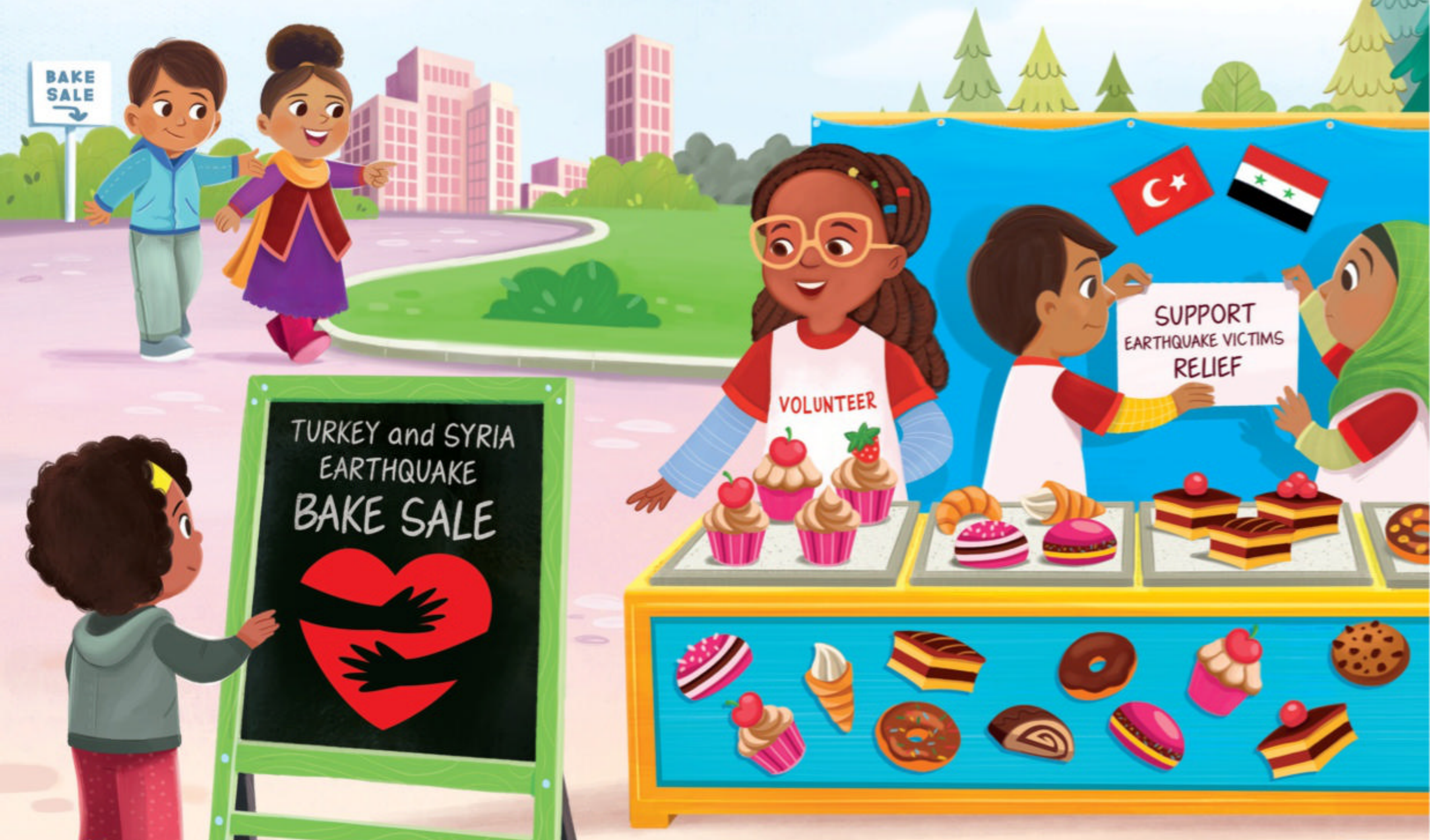
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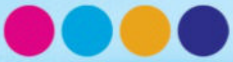
EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS
RELIEF

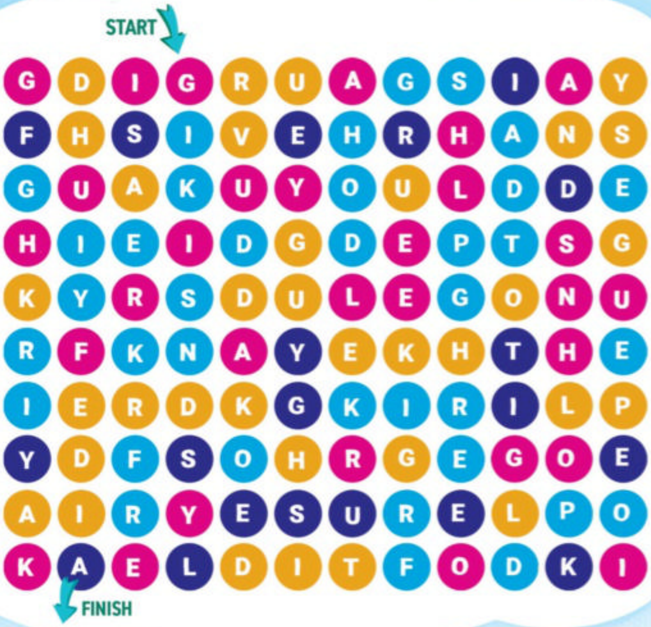
Cakes

Can you find cakes that aren't on the counter?

Step by Step

Using pattern below, make your way through the maze. Move only vertically and horizontally; diagonal steps are not permitted. As you move along, read the letters on each circle you pass through to find the answer.





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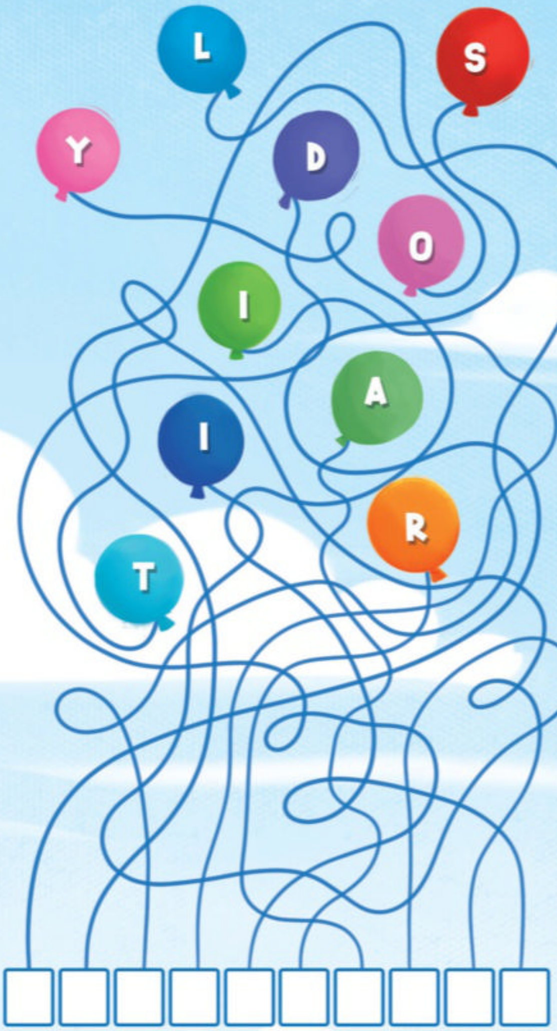

Path

Follow the lines to move the letters to their correct positions. What word do you find?

VOLUNTEER
DONATION BOX
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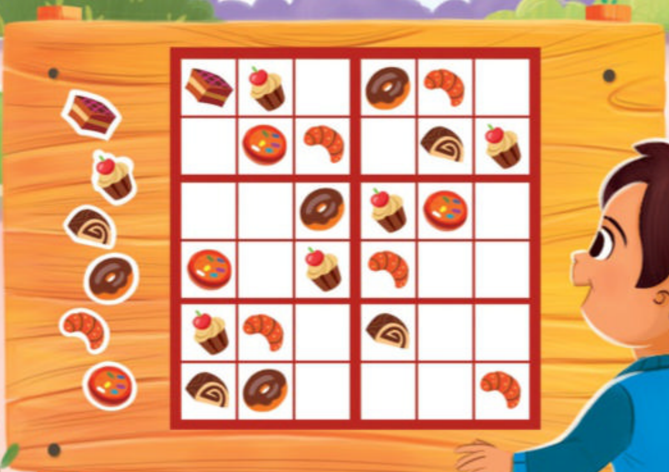

Sudoku

Each horizontal row and vertical column should contain different cakes. Can you solve the sudoku puzzle with this rule?

ATLASIA'S GALLERY

By Atlasians

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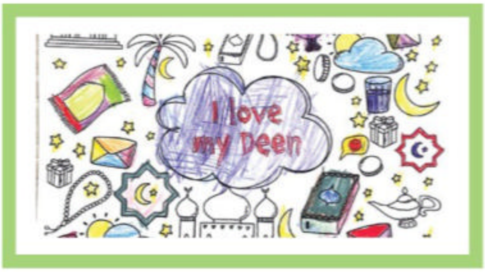
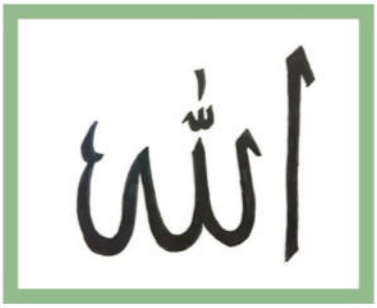
Idris Boston (7), New Jersey


I love my Deen

Zaynab Muhammad (6), Lombard, IL

Utku (11), Chicago



Hatice (9), Virginia

Nusaibah (7,5), California

Iclal (10), Ottawa

My Teachers
My Thankful Jar
Clothes
Glasses
My Home
My Family
My Friends

Aisha Ashirova (12), New Jersey

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Dilruba (8), Virginia

Elif Busra (9), Ireland

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Saarah Muhammad (6), Lombard, IL

Belma (12), Japan tokyo

Rana Dhuha Khan (7),
New Jersey

Rukiya Ashirova (10), New Jersey

Serfiraz (2), Indonesia

Ruqaiya Yacoob-Adhami (7),
Williamstown

Okan (7), Dallas, Texas

Seyma (6), Kenya

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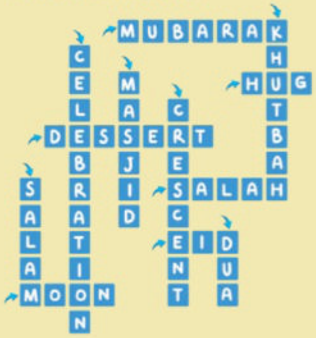
Eid Crossword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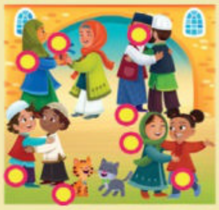
Match

1=b, 2=h, 3=d, 4=a, 5=f, 6=g, 7=c, 8=e

Silhouettes

d, f, i, j, k.

Differences

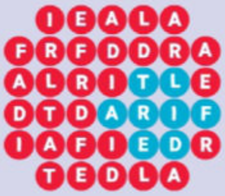


Let's Count

Stars: 44

Crescents: 42

Letters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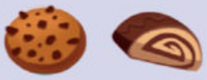

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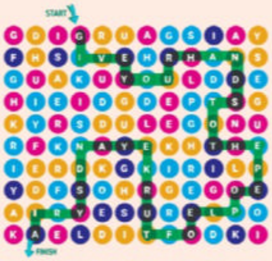
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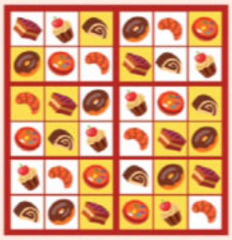

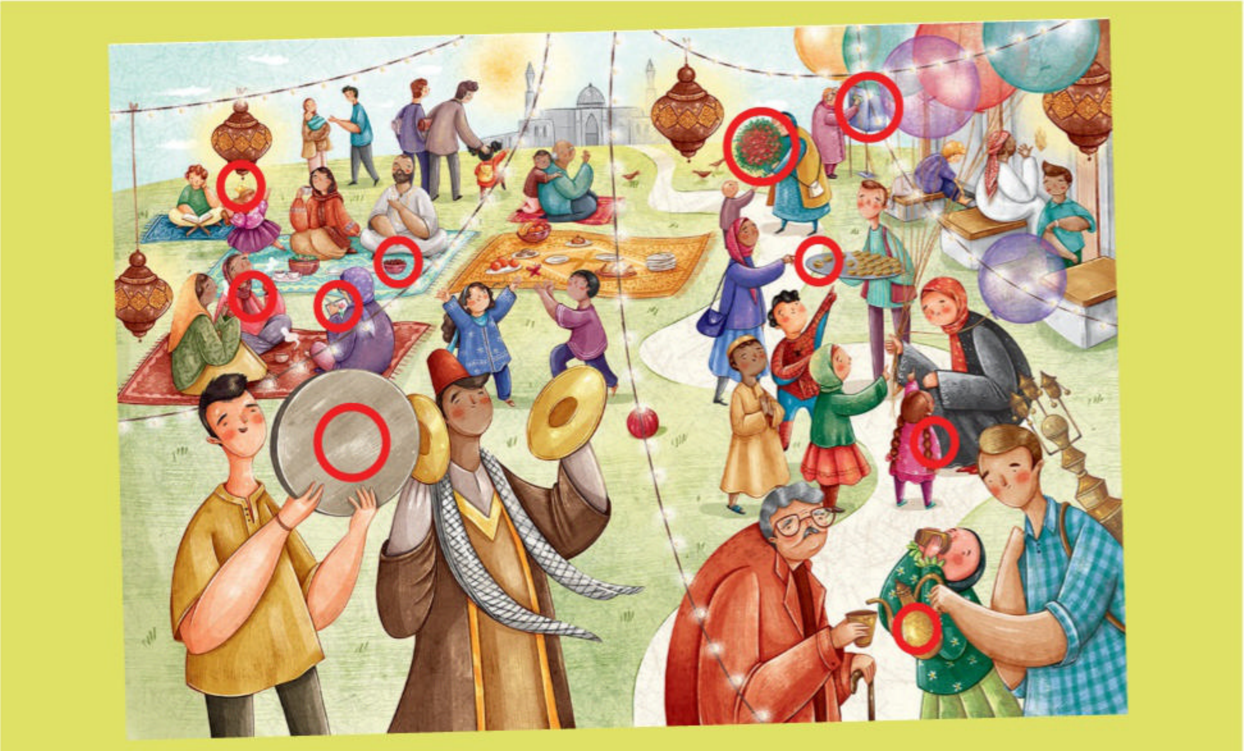

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Guess the Secret Profession

Test your deductive skills and have fun at the same time! In this game, the "secret keeper" has a secret profession in their mind, and you have to use the clues they give you to figure out what it is. Ask yes or no questions to narrow the possibilities, and use your deduction skills to make good guesses!

How to Play

One player is the "secret keeper" and chooses a profession in their mind.

The other players take turns asking yes or no questions to guess the secret profession.

The first player will start by asking a yes or no question, such as "Do you work with animals?" The "secret keeper" answers with a simple "yes" or "no."

The questioning continues until someone guesses the profession correctly.

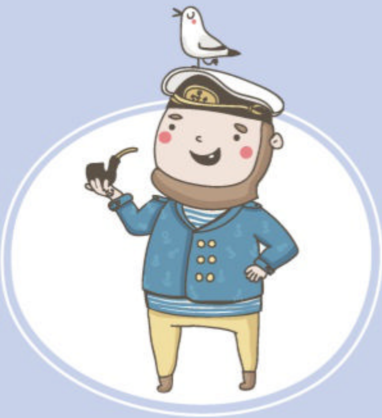
The winner becomes the next "secret keeper."

The game can be played with multiple rounds, with each player getting a chance to be the "secret keeper."

You could play multiple rounds, with each player getting a chance to be the "secret keeper," and the player with the most correct guesses at the end of the rounds wins the game.

Questions

1. Do you wear a uniform for work?
2. **Do you work with numbers in your job?**
3. Is your job typically indoors or outdoors?
4. **Do you work with children in your job?**
5. Does your job require travel?
6. **Do you work with animals?**
7. Is your job related to technology?
8. **Is your job physically demanding?**
9. Do you work with food?
10. **Is your job primarily outdoors?**
11. Does your job require a specific education or certification?
12. **Is your job related to art or creativity?**
13. Is your job related to health or medicine?
14. **Is your job related to law enforcement or public safety?**
15. Do you work with tools or machinery?
16. **Do you perform public speaking or entertainment?**
17. Do you work with money in your job?
18. **Do you work with natural resources?**
19. Is your job related to education?
20. **Do you work with customers or clients?**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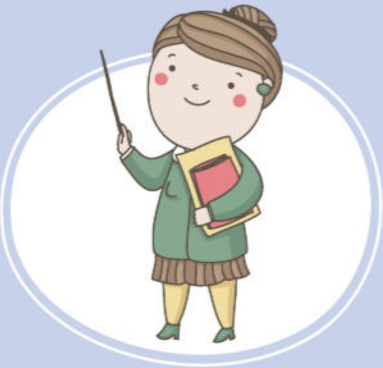
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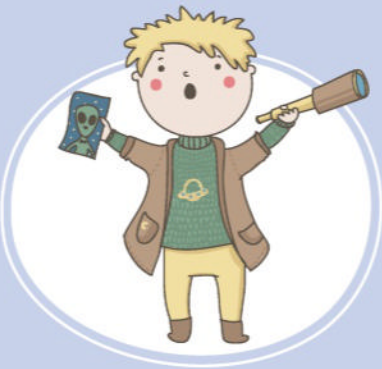
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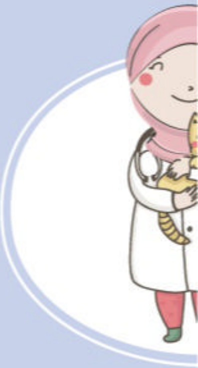
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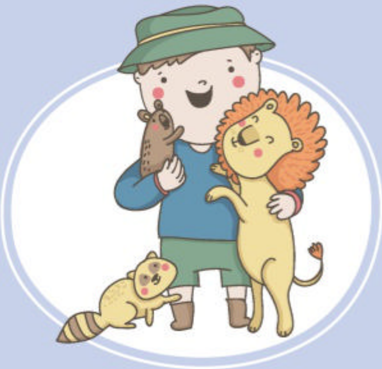
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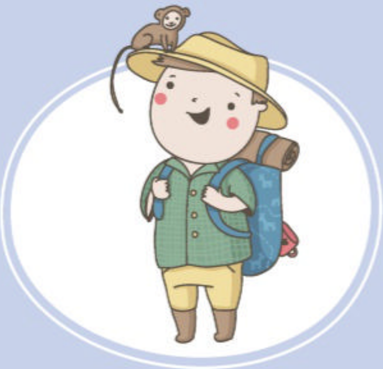
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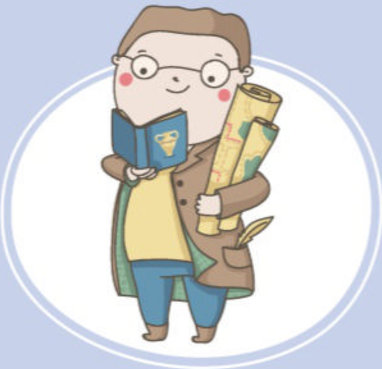
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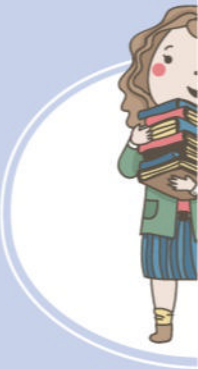
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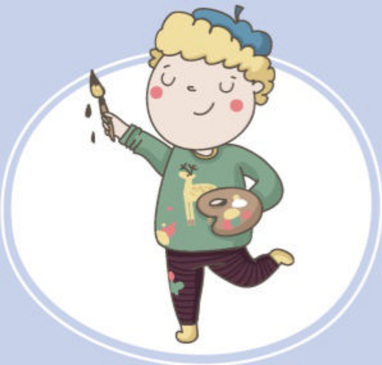
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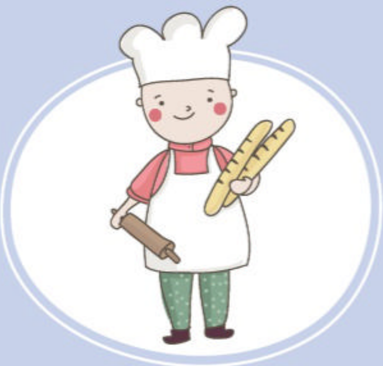
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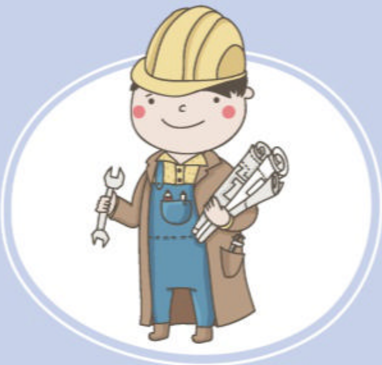
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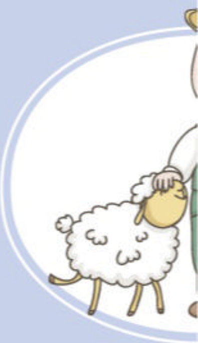
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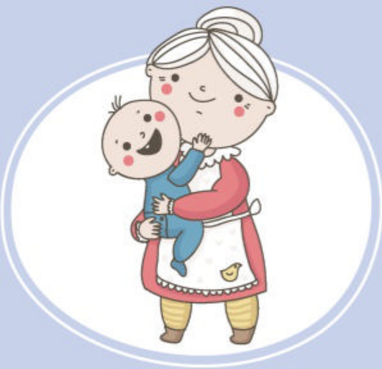
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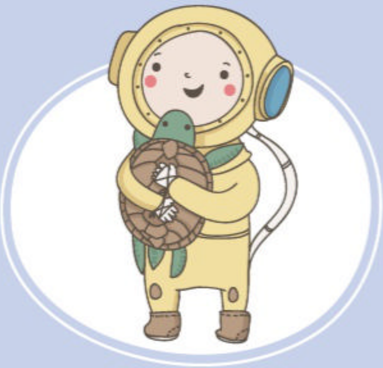
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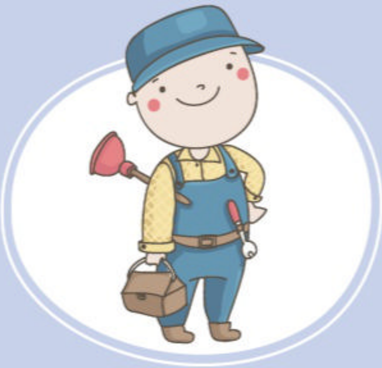
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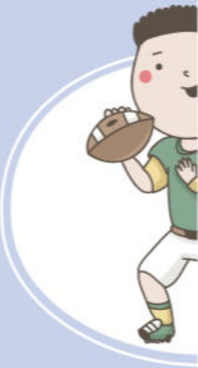
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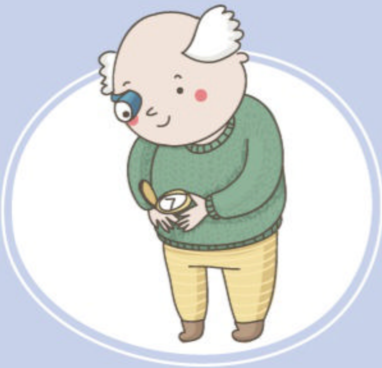

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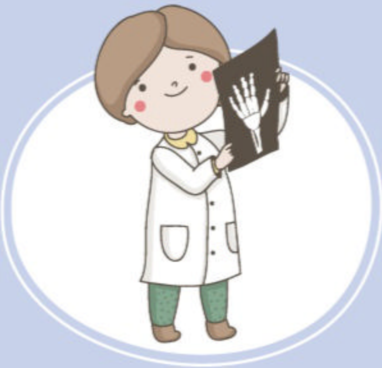

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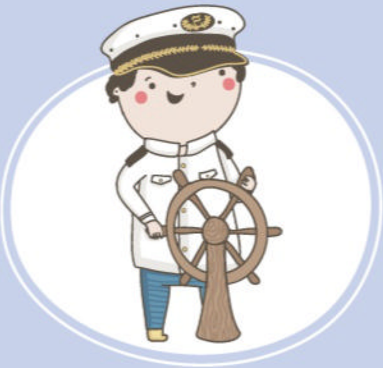

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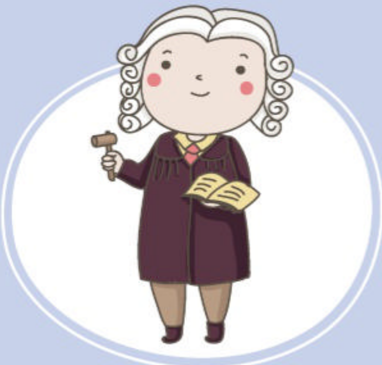

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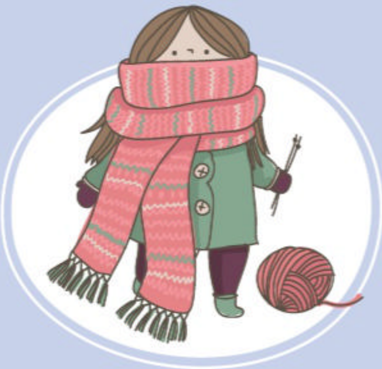

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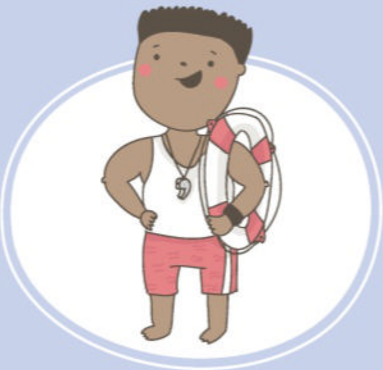

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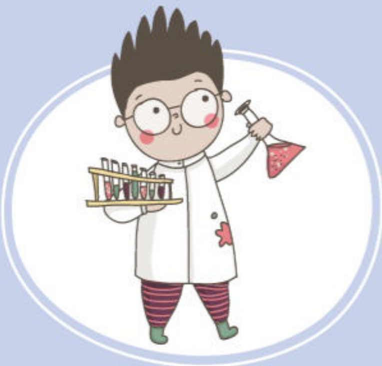

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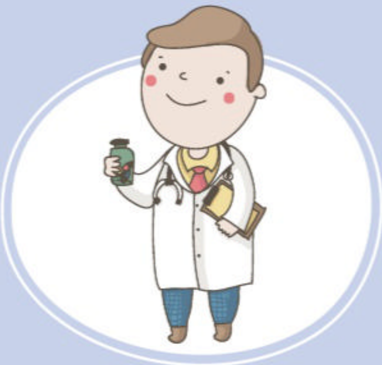

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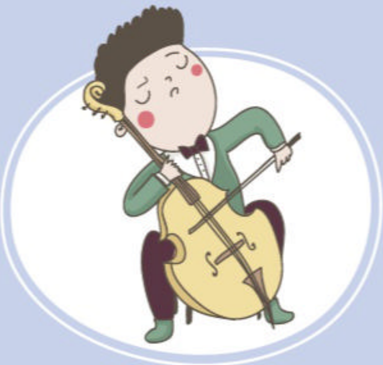

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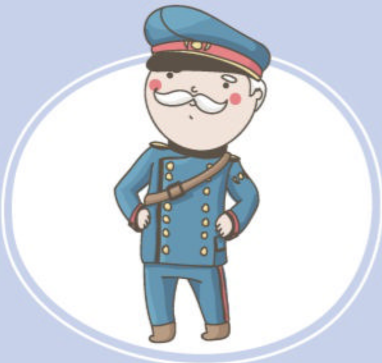

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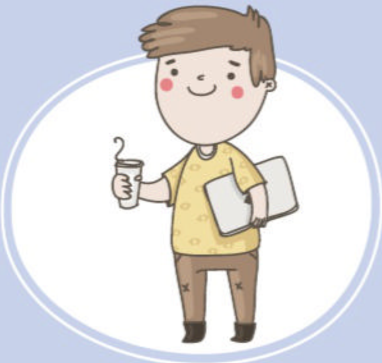

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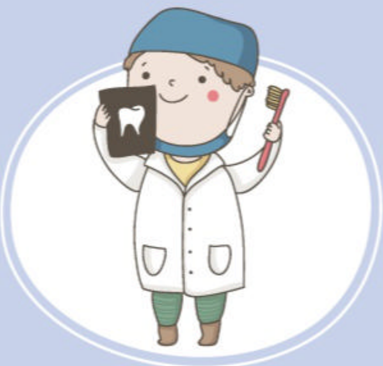

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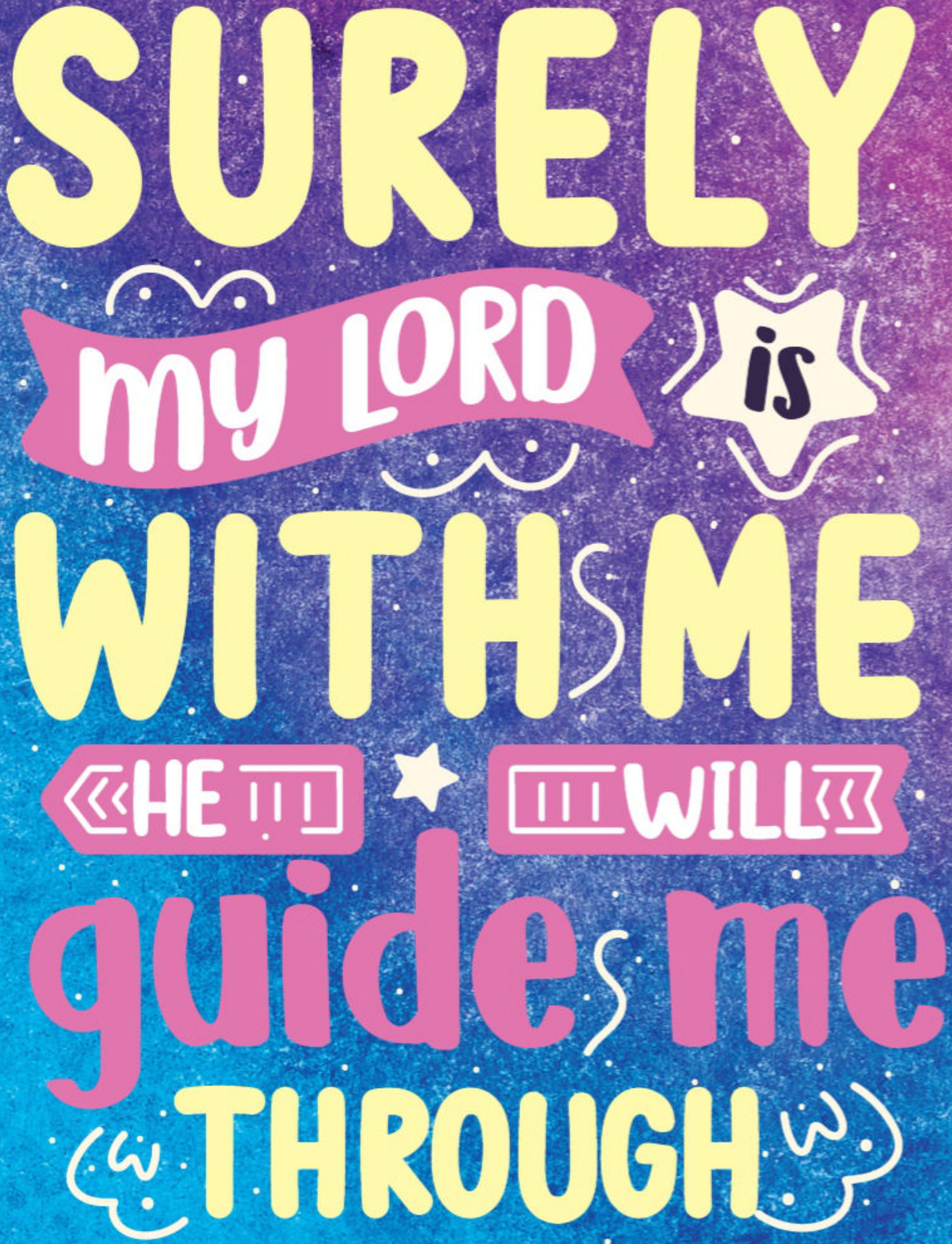
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